

Would Draft All 4-Effers

WASHINGTON. — With Congress in an alarmed and tough mood, a National Service Act for mobilization of all human resources will be enacted on Capitol Hill in the shortest possible time.

On the heels of President Roosevelt's message Saturday, the Mayday companion bill, introduced in House and Senate, came up for hearings before the House Military Affairs Committee Wednesday. It will be promptly reported out and would come to the floors of both houses Monday.

While the legislation is specifically aimed at 4-Fs, intended to force these deferres into war and freeze them there for the war's duration, it also would include in its scope all women, this being particularly intended to provide the services with acutely needed nurses.

4,000,000 Affected

When the National Service Act passed, it will affect 4,000,000 men now classified by Selective Service as 4-effers. Those not drafted into military service would be compelled to take employment

4,400 Vets Placed in Federal Service During November

WASHINGTON.—More than 4,400 veterans were placed in Federal civil service in November, the highest monthly placement of the year—it was announced by the Civil Service Commission last week.

The bulk of the placements were in field establishments outside the capital.

In the 23-month period from Jan. 1, 1943, to Dec. 1, 1944, veteran placements totaled 262,200.

The bureau noted that, in accordance with the provisions of the Selective Service Act, restorations of veterans of this war to positions in the Federal Service continued rapidly. From July to December, 1944, 39,799 were restored to full positions in the War Department, 14,931 in the Navy Department and 664 in the Postoffice Department.

Secret Weapon Blocks Attacks

BEFFRE SECTOR, Belgium.—Nazi counterattacks are being shattered by a new secret American artillery weapon. It is being used on a large scale. Details are held up for security reasons, but the weapon was developed by the Navy.



AMERICAN INFANTRYMEN about to enter a house in Belgium where several enemy snipers are holding out. The Germans broke through and took the town, but U. S. Forces recaptured it.

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Yanks Whittle German Bulge; Mac's Troops Land on Luzon

WASHINGTON. — Whittling chunks out of the north and south sides of the Nazi bulge into Belgium and France, the Yanks are battling the German divisions in the west end.

The bottle neck has been cut to nine miles between Laroche and Herbaumont and most of the main

supply roads are in Allied hands. Yanks and the British 9th Army are within four miles of the last main escape supply route, and desperate battles are in progress for its control.

General Montgomery, commanding the attacking forces in the north, says: "The Germans have

been netted and sealed off. Now we are in the process of whittling them down."

Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley suggests that the German offensive which created the bulge is likely to prove a boomerang. He notes that the enemy's losses have been enormous and suggests that the losses of men and materiel in the attempt to break through the Allied armies may seriously affect the Germans' ability to carry on a defense of the Western front.

A second German attempt to stab into northeastern France, the

War Budget Calls for 70 Billions

WASHINGTON.—Take a couple of aspirins, a good dose of bromides and a few shots in the arm and you'll be prepared for the lesson in financial astronomy placed in the lap of Congress Tuesday by the President in his budget message for the fiscal year 1946, beginning July 1 next.

According to Webster, a trillion is a million million, and according to Roosevelt, nearly half a trillion dollars is the foreseeable cost of this war to the U. S. Government, exclusive of interest on the debt and veterans' benefits.

The half trillion includes expenditures on the defense program from July 1, 1940, to June 30, 1946. Parachuting down to earth from

the financial skies, here briefly is what Roosevelt told Congress:

Budget for fiscal year 1946 will be \$83,760,000,000, which will be cut or upped \$10,000,000,000, depending on battlefield developments, which he would not predict;

No proposal on new taxes, but no relief on present taxes, rationing or price and materials controls for war's duration;

No large-scale military and industrial demobilization possible until July 1, 1946, at the earliest.

39 Billions for Army

Of the 83 billion dollar estimated expenditure, 70 billions will be for war, with the Army getting 39 billion. (See "WAR BUDGET," page 20)



GENERAL EISENHOWER

second big offensive in three weeks, was nipped by the Yank 7th Army. Another attack against the French (See "YANKS," page 20)

Fighting Qualities of Americans Beat Rundstedt, Montgomery Says

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS. — The courage and good fighting qualities of the American soldier have been paid tribute by Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and credited with beating the German armies of Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt.

The colorful commander of the entire Allied northern front gave full credit to the American forces

for halting the von Rundstedt offensive and declared he never wants "to fight alongside better soldiers."

"I shall always feel that Rundstedt was really beaten by the good fighting qualities of the American soldier and by the teamwork of the Allies," Marshal Montgomery said in a statement issued after General Eisenhower had placed him in command of the northern front.

"I first saw the American soldier in battle in Sicily and formed then a very high opinion of him," the field marshal said. "I saw him again in Italy."

"And I have seen him a great deal in this campaign. I want to take this opportunity to pay a public tribute to him. He is a brave fighting man, steady under fire and with the tenacity in battle that stamps the first-class soldier. All these qualities have been shown in a marked degree during the present battle."

"He is responsible really—he is basically responsible for Rundstedt's not doing what he wanted to do and when the inner story is told you will find that because he held out in three places the Germans could not (See "MONTY PRAISES," page 20)

Army Casualties Totaled 564,351 to December 29

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of War Stimson announced Thursday that U. S. Army casualties through Dec. 29 totaled 564,351, an increase of 7999 over the total given out a week ago. Broken down into categories, the list showed:

Killed	106,952
Wounded	333,849
Missing	64,283
Prisoners	59,267

Mr. Stimson said the list through Dec. 29 did not include casualties suffered in the German counteroffensive which started on Dec. 16. He added, however, he expected "to have next week the figures for December, which will cover principally the period of the German offensive."

War II Pensions for 1944 40 Millions More Than '43

WASHINGTON. — Pensions for soldiers disabled in this war cost \$40,513,789 more in 1944 than in 1943, the Veterans Administration stated in its annual report.

At the end of 1944 the total of veterans receiving pensions for service-connected disabilities in this war was 208,519. About 7 percent were totally disabled.

The average pension is \$30.67 a month.

Compensation was going, on June 30, 1944, to 337,311 veterans of this and earlier wars who had direct or indirect service disabilities. This compensation totaled \$162,466,628 in the calendar year 1944, a decline

of about \$3,300,000 from 1943. There were 4194 fewer World War I pensions of the type.

Mrs. Esther Ann Hill Morgan, 87, of Independence, Ore., daughter of a private in the War of 1812, was receiving a pension and 393 veterans of the Civil War were being cared for in veteran hospitals or were receiving pensions.

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

Stimson Acts to Aid Vets Get Jobs Back

WASHINGTON.—Reemployment rights of former civilian employees of the War Department, returning as veterans of the armed services or Merchant Marine, will be "scrupulously observed" with maximum assistance being offered the veteran, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson has announced.

A War Department order on the "Reemployment of Returning Veterans" establishes the basic principle that the primary responsibility for reemployment of a veteran rests with the commanding officer of the department installation in which the veteran was employed as a civilian prior to entering service. The order authorizes the Director of Civilian Personnel and Training to develop procedures and organization for the reemployment of the veterans.

The order of the Secretary of War states specifically that the War Department policy of providing maximum possible assistance in finding reemployment in the department will be generously interpreted in favor of the veteran without resort to "fine shadings or exceptions."

361,631 PWs

Held in U. S.

WASHINGTON.—There were 361,631 prisoners of war held within the continental limits of the United States as of January 1, the War Department announced.

Breakdown as to nationalities follows:

German 307,931
Italian 51,071
Japanese 2,629

The Provost Marshal General's Office stated that the prisoners were held at 130 base camps and 290 branch camps located in all sections of the United States. The branch camps are designed to place prisoners near current work projects.

Joins WACS at 49

BARKSDALE FIELD, La.—Saying her husband, who was a World War I casualty, "would have joined up if he had been living," Mrs. Libby Rabalais, aged 49, enlisted in the WACS. Former food manager for the Heidelberg Hotel at Baton Rouge, La., she has been assigned to the catering section.



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BRUSHING SNOW from the .30-calibre machine gun mounted on his jeep is Pvt. Charles Preston, of Nicholasville, Ky., who is moving against the German counter-thrust.

Hines Wants Veteran Budget of Two Billions

WASHINGTON.—A budget calling for the expenditure of more than \$2,000,000,000 for veterans' work will be asked of Congress within a few days by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines.

"At no time in our history has our Pension bureau or Veterans Administration presented a more far-reaching budget," said General Hines. "That is a sizable budget for any man's country and it can be expected that as demobilization takes place, there will be an increase."

Budget figures were disclosed at

Commerce Bureau Aids Veterans On Business Details

WASHINGTON.—A check list of questions to aid veterans of World War II in determining the wisdom of starting a small retail business has been prepared by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce.

Pointing out that there are hundreds of small matters to be considered, the Bureau has set up a series of questions which should prove invaluable to the veteran seeking to establish his own business. Copies of the check list are available at the Washington bureau and at all regional offices of the Department of Commerce.

a breakfast given by American University welcoming 21 disabled veterans who will start training as service officers for the Disabled American Veterans.

The students, veterans of many fronts, will take a five-week course at the university and then continue their schooling for 18 months at a veterans' facility.

Dr. Paul F. Douglass, president of American University, denounced the remark of President Robert M. Hutchins, University of Chicago, that the GI Bill of Rights would transform U. S. colleges into "hobo jungles." Douglass retorted that Hutchins' idea represented the aristocratic viewpoint that only a few chosen people should have higher education.

Casualty Lists Now Turned Out By New Process

WASHINGTON.—As a means of speeding the release to the press of the names of individual Army casualties after the next of kin have been notified, the War Department casualty lists will be made available through a new mechanical process. The upper part of the notification telegram will be photostated and multilithed to make the lists for the press.

The name, serial number and grade of the soldier who has been a casualty will be listed along with the name and address of the next of kin or emergency addresses, but the relationship between soldier and next of kin does not appear in this data grouping.

By the use of this process a great saving in clerical work will be effected and the lists will thus be speeded, although the work of sorting the casualties alphabetically and by home states, theaters of operation and type of casualty will have to be continued.

FHA Will Aid Vets Seeking Home Loans

WASHINGTON.—The Veterans Administration and the Federal Housing Administration have joined

hands to aid veterans wishing to buy homes via the GI Bill of Rights by making available the appraisals and reviewing facilities of FHA.

The service is available in cases where a vet applies for an FHA-insured mortgage loan, an equity loan up to \$2000 guaranteed by VA.

The amount of the VA guarantee may not exceed 20 per cent of purchase price and in no event be more than \$2000.

The arrangement seeks to eliminate both delay and expense to government and the returning veteran.

It was pointed out that veterans should apply to a private lending institution for a loan to build a small home.

13 Million Tons of Shipping to Be Built in 1945

WASHINGTON.—The construction of 13,000,000 deadweight tons of shipping in 1945, with 9,000,000 tons of this scheduled for completion in the first six months of the year, is called for in the Maritime Commission's program for this year, as announced by Vice Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the Commission and War Shipping Administrator, this week.

In 1944, Admiral Land said, 16,343,436 tons of shipping was built.

In order to reach its schedule for the first half of the year, Admiral Land noted, the shipyard labor force should be increased. In any event, it should be retained around the level of 584,000 workers. He also noted that if Congress passed a National Service Act "we have a good chance of holding on to shipyard personnel."

Admiral Land's statements were made in connection with an announcement of construction allocations for 226 ships to 18 shipyards. The new ships include 186 authorized in December by the Office of War Mobilization and 40 previously authorized.

What's in a Name?

CAMP LEE, Va.—A captain came to see a certain major. "Who are you?" the major asked.

"Wellensick, sir."

"Dammit, I asked who you are, not how you are."

"I'm Wellensick, sir."

"Look, captain, I don't give a damn whether you're sick or not. All I want to know is who you are."

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Yank Soldier Looters Trapped by Money Orders for Large Amounts

WASHINGTON.—The amazing story of riches dangled temptingly before American soldiers by black market racketeers in Europe was unfolded here by Brig. Gen. Joseph Dillon, former provost marshal general for North Africa, Italy and Southern France.

Describing the system by which looting was curbed in those areas, General Dillon predicted that a similar system will be adopted in the European Theater of Operations, where he soon will take over as deputy provost marshal general.

General Dillon said that in Italy, English-speaking racketeers would offer Army truck drivers \$30,000 a month if they would divert a truckload of commodities to them daily. He told of incidents where soldiers purchased money orders to send home in amounts exceeding the payroll of their entire units and were trapped in that manner.

One gang, he said, was caught when their efforts to bribe an enlisted man with \$10,000 failed.

General Dillon said that the problem in North Africa was hun-

ger, not rackets, and that Arab pilfering had been broken up by putting guards on trucks with orders to shoot.

"The only way to stop it was to leave a dead Arab on the road where everyone could see him," he said.

Hundreds of men were also used guarding train supplies.

General Dillon said that a fairly substantial number of Army truck drivers had succumbed to the temptation of big money and that 198 soldiers were caught in pilfering operations in northern France after large money orders issued to them aroused suspicion.

He said all of the men apprehended had been court-martialed and that most of those convicted have received the 10-year maximum prison sentence.

Stettinius and Wheeler Debate Surrender Terms

WASHINGTON.—Secretary of State Stettinius and Sen. Burton Wheeler, of Montana, remain loggerheads over the wisdom of abandoning the principle of unconditional surrender with each charging the other speaks only for a minority.

Secretary Stettinius has termed Senator Wheeler's demand for abandonment of the unconditional surrender aim as "profoundly regrettable," while Wheeler insisted

on the floor of the Senate that unconditional surrender is "an asinine policy."

Engaging in his first public controversy with a Capitol Hill representative since taking office, Secretary Stettinius said that Senator Wheeler was speaking only for "a discredited few" when he called for abandonment of the unconditional surrender principle in a recent radio broadcast and that his statement encouraged the enemy to hold out for a negotiated peace.

Senator Wheeler retaliated with the assertion that "I speak for more people than does Mr. Stettinius" who "may be expressing the views of the big interests whom he has heretofore represented in this country."

Secretary Stettinius asserted that Senator Wheeler's attack upon the unconditional surrender principle agreed to by the four great powers of the United Nations, including the United States "will be understood in Germany and Japan as meaning that if these countries can resist long enough, and can kill enough American soldiers, the will of the American people to achieve a complete victory will be broken and a negotiated peace can be secured."

Senator Wheeler said that he had never advocated a negotiated peace, but was demanding that we lay down terms of the peace for the German people to accept.

China Factories Step Up Output

WASHINGTON.—The ancient land of China, cuffed around by the Japs since 1931, soon may start tossing a few Sunday punches herself.

This loomed on the horizon as a result of new lend-lease shipments from America and pepped-up production in Chinese factories.

The U. S. contemplates getting large quantities of equipment into China via air transport and the road through northern Burma.

Stepped-up output of Chinese factories has already resulted through the "Chinese War Production Board," set up by Donald Nelson, former U. S. WLB head.



—Signal Corps Photo

SURGICAL NURSES are very busy at the 27th Evacuation Hospital in France, but Lt. Patricia Basinger, of Chicago, takes a few minutes in her tent to write letters home.

AS YOU WERE  with Hart Schaffner & Marx



"Atten... shun!"

The bare fact is that attention to detail is a big reason why guys like Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes so well

The adventures of Pvt. Jonathan Jeep appear regularly in this space. Watch for this featured

New Sector in Defense Command

NEW YORK.—Lt. Gen. George Grunert, commanding the Eastern Defense Command, announces establishment of the Command's Southwestern Sector, with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. Brig. Gen. Raymond E. McQuillin, who headed the Southern Defense Command prior to its consolidation with the Eastern Defense Command on Jan. 1, will be the Sector Commander, General Grunert said.

Other sectors of the Eastern Defense Command are the Northeast-

ern, with headquarters in Boston, and the Southeastern, with headquarters in Raleigh, N. C.

The Southwestern Sector will include the coastal area along the Gulf of Mexico and will extend from the Arizona-New Mexico boundary to Florida.

No Combat Flying

CHICAGO.—Maj. Richard I. Bong, who has shot down 40 Jap planes, announced he had been retired as a combat flier.

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A Draft Bill for 4-Fs

Men carrying 4-F cards have been notified that this is their war, too.

The President told them in his State of the Union message to Congress when he recommended that legislation be enacted to mobilize all human resources.

Congress, in the same tough, realistic mood, gave added weight to the notice by starting hearings on legislation which would draft nurses for the armed forces and force 4-Fs into essential industries.

The legislation, as drafted by Congress, calls for the re-examination of all 4-Fs. Those able to pass the physical examinations would be drafted by the armed forces. Those unable to pass the examinations would take employment in essential industries. Job-jumpers would be inducted into semi-military labor battalions. Service in these battalions would not make them eligible for veterans' benefits.

The American public is virtually one hundred percent behind this legislation. The minority groups, which oppose the measure for selfish reasons, are small and aren't talking very loud. The main criticism comes from those who believe the bill should have been passed one or two years ago.

The recent reversals in Europe and the steadily mounting casualty lists have made Americans realize that victory is the product of sweat and blood.

Too Big for Petty Politics

The new tough, realistic attitude on Capitol Hill is encouraging. One can be reasonably confident that legislation pertaining to compulsory military training, post-war employment, business encouragement and the development of natural resources and useful public works will not be made a political football.

The 79th Congress has an opportunity to go down in history. It must solve grave and difficult problems. On the proper solution of these problems hinges the future of this nation and the world.

Some grand fights can be expected while solving these problems. Congressional members are not expected to play follow-the-leader blindly, nor are they expected to make every issue a political brawl. Constructive criticism is invaluable, but pump-priming or pork-barrel politics will not be tolerated.

Every man and woman in uniform will have eyes on Congress. They know that their future rests in its hands.

The Debt Belongs to All of Us

War is damned expensive. The President estimates that the war will cost this nation 70 billion dollars in the next fiscal year, bringing the total war expenditures to near the half trillion mark.

Despite increased taxes and revenue, the national debt will reach 250 billion dollars by the first of July. This debt is of tremendous importance to the men and women in uniform today. It will be their responsibility to pay a goodly share of this debt.

As billions and trillions are far beyond the thinking level of most of us it is much simpler to say that every man, woman and child in this nation now owes \$1824 and will owe \$2118 by the end of the next fiscal year.

Monty Praises the Yanks

No handsomer tribute was ever paid American fighting men than that by Field Marshal Montgomery. "A brave fighting man," says Monty, "steady under fire and with the tenacity in battle that stamps the first-class soldier. His courage and good fighting quality stopped the German drive."

Coming as it did at the height of American-British press squabbles, Monty's praise means even more than it would under more calm circumstances. The Field Marshal knows good fighting men when he sees them, and what's even more important, he isn't afraid to say what he thinks.

Try It On the Telephone!

Official government titles and jobs, since the creation of the alphabet agencies, have often stopped us. With a great deal of patience we have memorized a few—but now we have found the one to end all job titles.

A young lady we heard about works in the Data-Analysis Group of the Aptitude-Test Sub-Unit of the Division of Occupational Analysis and Manning Tables of the Bureau of Labor Utilization of the War Manpower Commission. In short—DAGATSUDOAMTBLUWMC.

... And Some Were From Brooklyn!



At Your Service

Q. If a man was inducted into the Army in June, 1941, and transferred to the enlisted reserve Oct. 29, 1941, and recalled Jan. 15, 1942, to active duty, how much of his time can he claim as service in the Army? **T. L. F.**

A. Only the time in active service, from June to October, 1941, and Jan. 15, 1942 to date.

Q. What is the Geneva Convention regarding prisoners-of-war and how can a copy of the document be obtained? **C. K. B.**

A. The Geneva Convention is a Treaty between the United States and other powers signed at Geneva, July 27, 1929, ratified with the consent of Senate and proclaimed Aug. 4, 1932. It deals with every phase of the treatment, rights, privileges and duties of prisoners-of-war. A copy may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for 10 cents in coin.

Q. If a man in the Army needs legal advice to straighten out some personal and property matters at home, can he get it? **D. J. P.**

A. Legal Assistance Officers, who are lawyers in the service, have been appointed at most of the posts, camps and stations in the U. S. and abroad. They will assist men needing legal advice. If there is no such officer available, the Judge Advocate of the staff will help.

Q. Is the Anzio beachhead considered a separate major battle in the Italian campaign? **C. L. S.**

A. Anzio is considered a major battle and participants may obtain a battle clasp for it. There is no citation or special decoration for Anzio.

Q. Tell me if overseas men are allowed to apply for ASTP (Engineering). My husband is in England with the A. A. F. He took C. E. 4, 5, 6 and would be eligible for C. E. 7 and 8. Also can such men overseas apply for O. C. S.? **A.** Your husband can apply for O. C. S. and he may also take courses in the U. S. Armed Forces Institute; there is a branch in England at the headquarters of the European Theatre of Operations, from which he can get a catalog, or he may consult his Educational Officer, or see the catalog

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in any Army library. These are courses that fit in where ASTP courses are stopped and credit may be gained toward college degrees. An overseas man may not apply for ASTP which is limited to men in the U. S. These men are now being selected only at reception centers, not from troops.

Q. I am in an M. P. company, having been transferred here from an infantry outfit due to physical defects. I read that men are being discharged from the Army on the basis of the "point system" and also their age. I must have missed some issues as I know nothing about the point system or that the age limit was in practice again. What is the age limit for discharge? How many points are required for discharge under the point system? I am 39 years old, have a wife and one child and have been in the service four years; am I eligible for discharge from the Army via either of these systems? **Pvt. W. L. W.**

A. The "point system" for discharges is the plan adopted by the Army for partial demobilization after the defeat of Germany. It is not in effect now and will not be until that defeat occurs. The values of the "points" to be used (1) total months of service; (2) total months of overseas service; (3) combat decoration record; (4) parenthood—will not be announced until Germany is defeated. There are no discharges being granted on age alone. Discharges on disability grounds are made if a man does not now meet minimum physical induction standards for limited service, but only if no appropriate assignment can be found for the man in which he can render useful service to the Army.

Letters

Gentlemen:

Your November 11 issue of ARMY TIMES has just reached us. As usual, there was a general scramble as everyone grabbed for it! It's as good as it ever was, but there's a story in it that cause considerable comment here.

Page 3 presents the story of the 41st Division (SWPA), who claim "title as most bemedaled in SWPA."

May we present a few statistics about our own 45th "Thunderbird" Division which has been at the business of punching Krauts since the early days of Sicily? On Dec. 13 we had completed our 300th combat day in less than 19 months of overseas service.

Here are the figures on medals, as provided by our Adjutant General:

Presidential Unit Citations	.....
Congressional Medal of Honor	.....
Distinguished Service Medal	.....
Distinguished Service Cross	.....
(Oak Leaf Cluster to D.S.C.)	.....
Legion of Merit	.....
Silver Star	.....
(2d Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star)	.....
(1st Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star)	.....
Soldier's Medal	.....
Distinguished Flying Cross	.....
Bronze Star Medal	.....
(Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star)	.....
Air Medal	.....
(Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal)	.....
Meritorious Service Unit	.....
Plaques	.....
Foreign Awards:	.....
British	.....
Russian	.....
French	.....
Italian	.....

These figures apply as of December 19, 1944.

So, you see, there are other medals in the Army that have been overlooked. Our particular history includes amphibious landing with 90th, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, and Southern France... D-Day stuff. We spent back 116 days at Anzio until we broke through the Kraut defenses and didn't stop until we hit the far side of Rome.

We have not included statistics on Purple Heart awards. There were many. Our theater ribbon rack carries stars for the Sicilian, Naples, Foggia, Salerno, French and German campaigns. We covered over five hundred odd miles, from our war Maxime on the Riviera to the German border exactly four months before the day, from D-Day. Our 45th Division troops were the first 7th Army troops to cross the German border which we did on December 15 and we are probably now the troops farthest east into the Reich.

These figures are sent to you, because we feel that we are "only" or the best division in the Army, but because we feel that our GIs have done and are doing a terrific job and we'd like to see the get credit for it. There are other units in this theater whose histories parallel ours and they are good units. Of course, they are not quite as good as ours!

We would appreciate publication of this thumb-nail story of the accomplishments of the 45th. Perhaps—with the mail situation as is—we will get a copy of your story when we hit Berlin. We're going to do that, you know.

Lt. M. Stuart Novins,
APO 45, New York, N. Y.
(The Thunderbirds have every reason to be proud of their 250 decorations. Ed.)

Gentlemen:

I am writing this article as a lover of track and to advocate the bringing together of all the Allied nations in one huge Victory parade. This meet could be conducted very easily in Paris.

To my mind this would be an excellent way for all Allied athletes to say farewell to arms and warfare. For it is these same athletes who are helping to bring about the peace.

Sgt. Frank E. Ward,
in France.

Hopi Chief Goes Kraut Hunting

WITH THE 3D U. S. ARMY.—The sunrise every morning, Pvt. (Chief) Chukima, 38-year-old man from the Oraibi Reservation Flagstaff, Ariz., quietly sows a grain of crushed corn into each soil as petition to the gods with favor on the activities of the 90th Division and allied units. Private Chukima, a member of Co. 315th Engineers, 90th Division, a member of the Hopi Tribe, the famous Arizona Indians who are internationally famous for their dance.

The Indian had just returned under a four-day "hunting trip." A war had wounded one of the Hopi's American friends and Chukima had appointed himself "a one-war party" to avenge the at-

9 moon. Capt. Clarence Symes, of Lubbock, Tex., company commander, about to list Chukima as "mission in action" on the unit morning of the day the Indian stoically claimed his place on the Engineer's gang.

"He comes and goes," explained Symes, "It's very difficult to keep track of him."

The last time Captain Symes saw Chukima was in the German town of Butzdorf, which the 358th Infantry and Engineers were attempting to clean up. A sniper winged a standing next to the Chief as two were leaving a house.

"It started making me mad," explained the stone-faced Hopi. "I house—one from one. That's why I still in town looking for a sniper. Next day I stay. In afternoon I keep looking for sniper but find. I ask boy and he say in-try have pull out and that evening a joined the tanks."

Chukima decided to fight the war awhile with the armor and stay two days with the 10th Armored Division, doing outpost duty and a trick.

"After three days," continued the Hopi, "I ask boys where infantry is. I see one tank going out of town I hitch-hiked to where headquarters are. I tell them where headquarters are. I We speak back."

Chukima pulled two white feathers and from his pocket. "I wear them on helmet," he explained, "but I nearly lost them in statistics, so put them in pocket. One feather is to keep me strong. Other ribbon take care of 90th division."

Naples the Hopi tribe sat up all night and conducting ceremonial rites over the dead before presenting them to from their warrior.

Back in Heims, the Chief took a month's time to track down a 45th Division of Germans estimated to have

been 15 in number. The trail terminated in a house in a small village where one of the residents told him that the enemy had changed clothes and disappeared.

Chukima has the stamina of a well-oiled machine. When he was 18 years old, he ran 60 miles one day, carrying his ceremonial mask and costume, to join his tribesmen in a traditional Hopi Indian dance to ask the gods for rain.

"Stopped once at a spring to eat my little lunch," Chukima said, "but only rest short time. I arrive before sundown." The dance, which lasted all night, produced rain the next day.



—Signal Corps Photo

CLERICAL TIMIDITY has been thrown to the winds. Capt. Joe P. Self, Jr., of Abilene, Tex.; Archel R. Meredith, of Amarillo, Tex., and Ilean C. Ross, of Chicago, have become the "Cycle Charging Chaplains" of the Panama Coast Artillery Command on their assignments to remote jungle outposts. The GI clergymen insist that in gearing the gospel to the war's blitz tempo they are heeding the injunction of Matthew, 28th chapter, 19th verse, "Go ye unto all the world, preaching and teaching . . ."

Soldier-Patient Finds Reading Encyclopedia Provides Thrills

FOSTER GENERAL HOSPITAL, JACKSON, Miss.—While recovering from rheumatic fever here, a soldier patient is improving the many hours he must spend resting in bed by reading the World Book Encyclopedia.

He's now in the "C's" of this compendium of knowledge, according to the Foster librarian, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wallis.

While looking up the list of countries belonging to the League of Nations, he discovered the Encyclopedia and found it so fascinating he decided to read it all from A to Z while he had the time.

GI patients sometimes stump the resourceful librarian. Here are examples of two difficult queries:

Which has had the most Atlantic City beauty contest winners—the North or the South?

Do you have a history of lipstick?

New Powerful Tanks for Yanks, says F.D.R.

WASHINGTON.—New tanks, with mounted guns more powerful than any yet used on a fast-moving vehicle, recently developed, will be turned out by the thousands for the Army.

This was the statement of President Roosevelt in his message to the 79th Congress last Saturday.

It is believed the tanks are those recently mentioned by a WPB official as already leaving the production lines of the Chrysler and Fisher arsenals.

A WPB official also said that a new method of suspension has been incorporated into late model tanks. It is apparently to smooth

the motion of the big babies and to improve the accuracy of fire.

Caliber of the gun mentioned by the President was not given, but tanks now mount guns as big as the 105 mm. howitzer.

Pons-Kostelanetz in C-B-I Theater

NEW YORK.—Lily Pons and Andre Kostelanetz are entertaining in the China-Burma-India Theater of War on their second overseas tour for USO-Camp Shows. They are scheduled to remain at least 15 weeks overseas.

Their previous tour carried them through North Africa, Italy, the Middle East and the Persian Gulf Command.

Peeping at Jeep, Krauts Get Fate of Curious Cats

WITH THE 8TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE.—A group of inquisitive Germans lured from their protective cover by the sight of a captured American jeep, couldn't have expected much better luck than that of curious cats.

Waiting for just some such indication of German activity, Lt. David S. Katz, of Springfield, Mass., an artillery forward observer, whipped his binoculars to his eyes, hastily consulted his map and reached for the telephone.

"Twenty Jerries sitting smack on Concentration 79, looking at one of our jeeps," he passed on to his artillery fire direction center.

"Stand by!" came the answer, and battery computers several thousand yards back went into action and got all the Krauts.

Set Port Record

WITH THE 498TH PORT BATTALION, France.—Smashing a port record here in unloading the first all-mail ship to drop anchor in liberated France, Negro soldiers of the 255th Port Company discharged 130,000 bags of Christmas mail, weighing 3600 tons, in five days.

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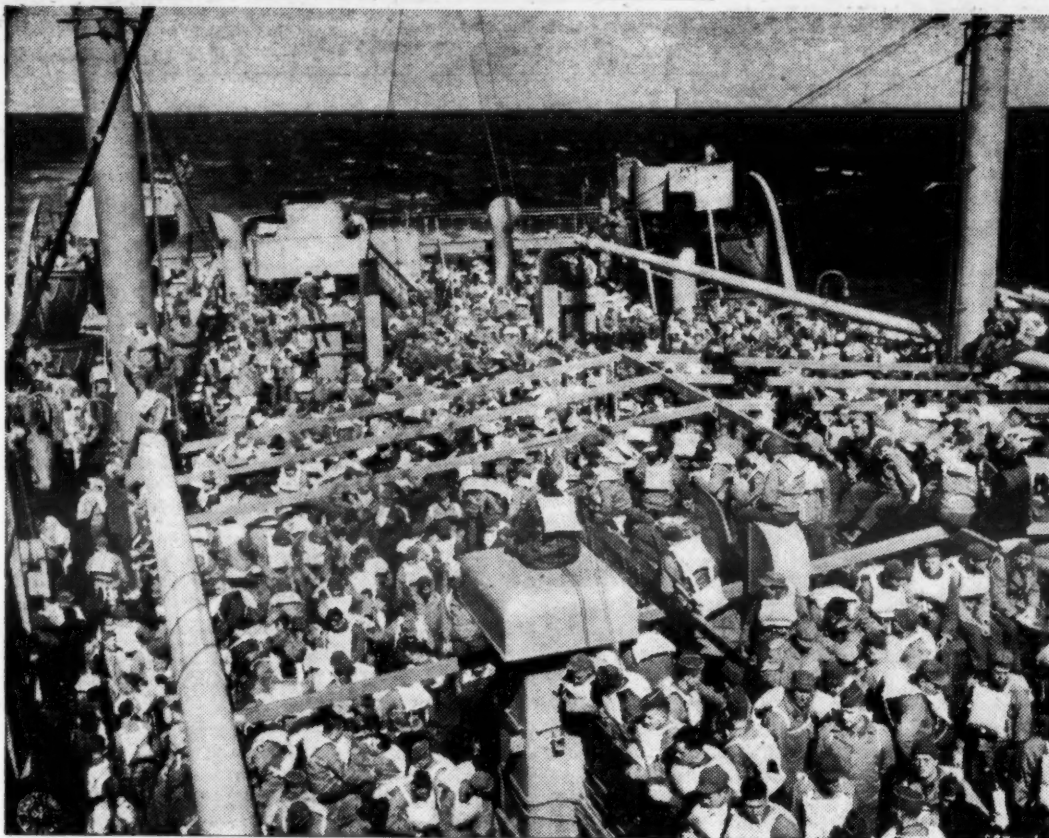
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War of Transportation

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This war has been characterized as a war of men, supplies and transportation. Fighting on scattered fronts thousands of miles from the source of supply has presented problems, which would be almost impossible to cope with in peace years. These impossible problems are being solved. By air, by land and by sea American men and supplies are moving around the world.

The traffic isn't all one way. While the bulk of supplies and troops are headed toward combat areas raw materials and some finished products are being brought to this nation. Fighting men, weary of long months in the front lines or in strange, lonely lands, are returning home. The sick and wounded are being brought back to the States for medical attention. Prisoners of war are being removed from combat areas.

Until recently for security reasons no photographs of embarkation ports were allowed. These restrictions were relaxed to permit a limited publication of pictures. This group of pictures show activities in New York, Boston, New Orleans, Seattle and the Aleutians. They might well be taken in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Charleston or any other world-wide port.

Upper left—No room for deck chairs on this one-time luxury liner, now part of the fleet of the Army Transportation Corps. It is shown sailing out of New York.

Upper right—At a port in the Aleutians, U. S. personnel board a ship bound for home. They have completed two years of service at this northwestern outpost.

Upper right center—An Army band tootles a few tunes for the men departing from a staging area en route to the Boston Port of Embarkation.

Lower right center—The war is over for these prisoners of war. They will be transferred from the Boston Port of Embarkation to camps in the United States.

Lower right hand corner—Special quarters are provided for the safe transport of animals on troop and supply ships. These mules have special stalls which rival those of the men for comfort. They are pictured ready for a long trip to somewhere from the New Orleans port.

Lower left hand—Every inch of space is utilized on a troop ship. Here's a small section of one compartment aboard a U. S. Army transport after loading in New York. Move over mules!



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Nurse and WAC Recruiting Drive Launched to Help Man Hospitals

WASHINGTON.—The War Department has moved in two directions to solve the shortage of Army nurses and technically trained medical personnel by launching a direct Army nurse recruiting campaign and calling on the governors of all 48 states to help enlist Wacs for technical training.

Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall asked the governors and commissioners of the District of Columbia to exercise their leadership in launching a vigorous recruiting drive to enlist Wacs for the newly-created Women's Army Corps Medical Units in service at the Army's 60 General Hospitals in this country.

The War Department simultaneously announced the appointment of Miss Evelyn Blewett, of the War Advertising Council, as civilian con-

sultant to Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army, on the Army Nurse procurement and public relations program. Heretofore, Army nurse recruiting has been the sole responsibility of the Red Cross, but since the need for 10,000 additional nurses has become acute procurement facilities of the Surgeon General's office and the Red Cross are to be increased.

The War Department plan for the new WAC medical units will be to assign a company of 100 women to each of the 1000-bed hospitals and an additional company of the same size for each additional 1000 beds in the larger hospitals.

Women qualified for training as medical and surgical technicians, clerical workers and other skills are required to aid in the care of casualties that are being returned from

overseas at the rate of 20,000 a month.

The Army has already set up four technician training schools to give six weeks of training to medical and surgical technicians enlisted in the WAC.

Aircraft Plants Produced 96,369 Planes During '44

WASHINGTON.—United States aircraft plants turned out 96,369 planes of all types in 1944 to match the record-breaking achievements of other war industries, despite mid-summer setbacks.

J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board, announced the 1944 figure as compared with the 85,946 plane output in 1943, but said the total air-frame weight for 1944 was approximately 50 percent greater than in 1943. The 96,369 planes produced have a total air-frame weight of 1,112,000,000 pounds.

The rise in air-frame weight indicates the degree by which plane planners are shifting from light planes to heavy combat bombers and heavy fighting planes.

It was planned originally to produce 109,000 planes in 1944, but planned reductions in aircraft production went into effect last summer.

New Speed Record

WASHINGTON.—Army Boeing stratoscruiser established a new transcontinental speed record Tuesday, flying from Seattle to Washington in six hours and nine minutes, an average of 380 miles per hour.

All Returnees Can't Be Hospitalized Near Home

WASHINGTON.—Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon General of the Army, declares that because of the large number of casualties returning each month to the United States for further hospitalization it is impossible to send all patients to Army Hospitals near their homes.

In December there were over 30,000 sick and wounded battle and battle casualties returned to the country, General Kirk pointed out. This is a 300 per cent increase over the number of battle and non-battle casualties returned to the United States in July.

It is the policy of the Army Medical Department, General Kirk said, "whenever possible to satisfy the natural desire of a soldier and his family, that the soldier be sent to a hospital near his home. However, in view of the increased evacuation of patients to this coun-

try, it is impossible to send all patients to hospitals near their homes.

"The benefit of sending a man to a hospital within relatively short travelling distance of his home must be weighed against the nature of his wound or illness, the need for specialized care and the availability of beds in those hospitals which are near his place of residence and which are staffed and equipped to handle his case."

New Fighters in 1945 Will Embody Brand New Features

BURBANK, Calif.—New fighter planes projected by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation will far surpass the performance records of the Lightning and will embody many new features, Robert E. Gross, president of the company, reported last week.

While Mr. Gross did not go into detail air authorities suggest that one of the new Lockheed models will probably be jet-propelled and will approach a speed of 500 miles per hour.

Mr. Gross did note that manufacturing technique had improved to the point where the man hours per plane had been reduced 38 per cent. Lockheed produced 5858 planes during 1944. Plans for 1945 aim at 6632.

The Lockheed Corporation has a backlog of military orders amounting to a billion dollars. In addition to the bombers and fighters under production, the company is building troop and cargo transports and is also starting on a new Navy project.

Gen. Nelson Upped

ROME.—Maj. Gen. Otto L. Nelson, Jr., former Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, has been appointed Deputy Commander of Operations in the Mediterranean Theater, Allied Headquarters announces.

Cool Million in War Bonds by Americals

WITH THE AMERICAL DIVISION, Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.—To the tune of a cool million dollars in cash, veteran doughboys of this Division have met their lagging quota in the 6th War Bond Drive. And they're still buying bonds.

In the 5th drive, these same infantrymen—who fought at Guadalcanal and Bougainville—oversubscribed their quota by 977 per cent. Maj. Gen. William H. Arnold, of St. Louis, the commanding general, admitted that he himself was a little "doughbasted" at the latest War Bond response, and added that "It moves again that our soldiers not only are willing to fight the war with bullets, but they're willing to buy for it, too."

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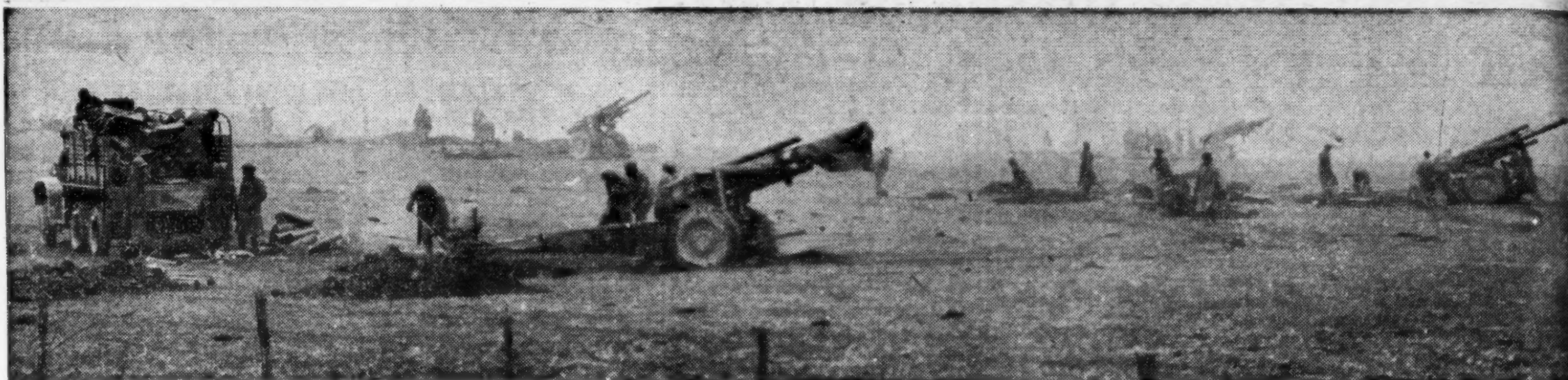


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PREPARING to meet the German counterattack, a unit of the 969th Field Artillery Battalion, 101st A. D. Division, digs in west of Bastogne, Belgium.

—Signal Corps Photo

Air Crews Undecided on Postwar Plans, Most Will Fly 'For Fun'

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—There is no typical answer among returning air crew men to the question, "Do you want to fly after the war is over?" Veterans who come back to the AAF Redistribution Station No. 1 from all war theaters report a variety of moods and opinions contingent on their personal problems and experiences.

One thing is evident: They have all given the question a lot of serious thought. Most of them derive immeasurable enjoyment out of flying without the hazards of flak and enemy fighters—like a kid with a brand new scooter. Here's a cross-section of replies made in a recent survey ranging from a definite affirmative to a flat negative:

"I'd rather fly than anything," said 1st Lt. Cyril S. Krause, 25-year-old B-24 pilot, Erie, Pa., with 35 missions out of England behind him. "I hope to stay in Army aviation after the war. Certainly, it's a better job than the one I had before I enlisted. I used to be a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad."

Wants Feet on Ground

On the other side of the fence is T/Sgt. Thomas Murphy, 28, Orange, N. J., B-26 radio operator-gunner with 66 missions:

"I'm definitely not going into aviation after the war," he said. "When I think of those rough flights in the medium bomber, I feel much safer with my feet on the ground. Give me the wheel of an automobile. If something goes wrong with the car's engine, I can get out and walk."

Here are a few other answers: 1st Lt. Thomas C. Valentine, 26, Chester, Pa., B-17 pilot, 30 missions: "I will fly if anybody will have me, but aviation will probably be very overcrowded after the war. I'll probably go back to my Sun Oil Co. job, and if I can make enough dough I'll make flying my hobby."

1st Lt. Gennaro Ricardo, 23, Maple Shade, N. J., P-47 pilot, England, 84 missions: "I'm going to get into civil aviation after the war if I can. But I don't intend to stay in the Army as a pilot."

S/Sgt. William M. Knox, Maplewood, N. J., B-17 gunner, England: "No, I don't expect to continue flying, but I would like to

work as an aerial engineer with some civilian air line. I studied engineering before I entered the service."

Fly for Pleasure

S/Sgt. Lawrence F. Brennan, Staten Island, N. Y., B-17 gunner, England: "Yes, I'll fly after the war, only for my own pleasure. I had a civilian pilot's license before I got into the Army, and I have my eye on a neat little 'Cub' when I get out."

1st Lt. Harold Spilko, 22, New York City, B-25 bombardier, 63 missions: "I wanted to be a newspaper man before the war, but the closest I came was a copy boy.

Now I'm in love with a B-25. What firepower! Those Jerries won't come close. After the war I'll still want to fly—either in the Army or commercial planes."

1st Lt. Richard G. Sanderson, 23, Trenton, N. J., P-47 pilot, 92 missions: "I'm still undecided. I have a job waiting for me as a telephone repairman and I believe I could get used to that life once again. I'll go back unless an aviation job turns up."

1st Lt. Raymond J. Rasmussen, Freehold, N. J., B-17 bombardier, 35 missions: "Give me back my trumpet. I used to be with Eddie Barbe's band."

Shortage of Aluminum Threatens Air Production

WRIGHT FIELD, O.—Production schedules of B-29 Superfortresses and other aircraft are threatened by an impending shortage of sheet aluminum, it was reported this week by the Air Technical Service Command.

The shortage, it was pointed out, threatens not only Air Force plane production, but also that of Navy planes and equipment for other arms of the service.

Maj. Gen. Kenneth B. Wolfe, chief of engineering and procurement, asserted that the shortage is due to a lack of labor, rather than to producing facilities. "The real cause," Major Wolfe said, "is the optimism regarding the war most of America shared during the past summer and early fall."

Many plane manufacturers an-

ticipating cutbacks of contracts, dipped into their reserve stock of aluminum sheets so that they would not be caught with large stocks when the expected cutbacks came. Then, because their orders to the aluminum sheet mills declined, the mills reduced their operations and allowed labor to go to other employment.

General Wolfe noted that Air Force requirements had increased as a result of accelerated production schedules for the B-29, B-24, P-47, CG-4 glider and for large droppable fuel tanks for fighter planes.

Patient Rushes Aid to Aid-Man

FOSTER GENERAL HOSPITAL, JACKSON, Miss.—Pvt. Harold F. Vincent, of Pascagoula, Miss., first-aid man with the 91st Infantry Division in Italy, wounded while bandaging a GI's hand, finished his job. Then his patient dashed to the Aid Station to send Medics to carry Private Vincent out of the hail of bullets.

Of all the medics, the litter bear-

Burma Barber Is Strictly GI, Pin-Ups, Sweet Scents and All

AN ADVANCE ASC BASE IN INDIA.—The Burma Barber, who lends a touch of State-side nostalgia to the rugged life here, is as mobile as a field piece.

Strictly GI, his shop is a two-man tent which he pitches wherever the Burma Peacocks, crack ASC Group that keeps the AAF fighter-craft flying in lead-spitting fury, settles down. And inside his tent, that morale-lifter known as the pin-up is spread lavishly and alluringly on the canvas sides. His equipment is GI, too, a set of barber instruments which he has carted since he sailed from Uncle Sugar, with shaving creams, lotions

and powders that have familiar trade-marks from back home, thanks to the P-X.

Better known as the "Burma Clipper" than the Burma Barber, T/5 Archie DeLuca, of the Bronx, New York, operated what he prefers to call a "tonsorial parlor" on Gerard Ave. before he stored away his striped suits for khaki.

Sundown over the Irrawaddy usually finds the Burma Barber a rendezvous for GIs, shooting the breeze and sweating out their turn in Archie's chair. A little State-side treatment after a tough day on a dusty strip goes a long way in this neck of the war.

WASHINGTON.—In response to inquiries received at the War Department relative to the effect on Army mails of recent combat actions in the European and Pacific theaters of war, the Army Postal Service revealed that mail deliveries on the Western Front and in certain active areas in the Western Pacific have been greatly impeded in recent weeks.

The recent turn of events in Europe has resulted in a shortage of mail transportation facilities to and within that theater, in delays in unloading mail from ships, which first must discharge and move inland vital munitions, supplies and materiel of all kinds; in delays in the actual delivery of the mail to the individual soldier, occasioned by the constant movement of large numbers of American ground troops; in delays resulting from numerous address changes involving replacement personnel, and finally in the loss of mail as a result of enemy action, included in which was a considerable quantity of Christmas packages about to be delivered to the various organizations and individuals concerned.

The general flexibility of the military situation during this period likewise has contributed in a large degree to delays and non-receipt of Army mails in this area, a factor which also has greatly aggravated the problem of mail delivery to hospitalized personnel.

By way of comparison with our domestic mail service, the Army

Postal Service compared the situation in the European Theater in recent weeks to the problem confronting a large post office in this country if the population served by this United States post office were transferred from day to day, not only from one street address to another, but to adjacent areas without any street address. The delivery problem would under these circumstances, even in this country with no combat conditions prevailing, result in a high state of confusion and great delay in delivery.

Delivery of mail in combat areas is at best a most difficult problem. The Army Postal Service, however, has from the outset provided complete postal service to all forward elements of the Army under any and all combat circumstances.

With respect to the recent record volume of 62,000,000 individual Christmas packages which were dispatched overseas to Army personnel all over the world, reports from the field indicate that more than 90 per cent were delivered to the addresses prior to Christmas Day.

Col. Shoemaker Now in Command at Breckinridge

CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, Ky.—Col. Raymond L. Shoemaker has begun his tour of duty as commanding officer here. He assumed command of the Kentucky post after serving for several months as director of the 5th Service Command Training Division, Fort Hayes, Columbus, O.

Colonel Shoemaker succeeds Col. R. C. Throckmorton who has been assigned to command Fort Knox, Ky., succeeding Col. N. B. Briscoe, who is retiring.

The new Camp Breckinridge commanding officer is known in Indiana, having served since the beginning of the war as professor of military science and tactics at Indiana University in Bloomington. More than 9000 men received military training under his command there.

Colonel Shoemaker was an infantry captain in World War I. He and Mrs. Shoemaker have two sons, Maj. R. L. Shoemaker, Jr., and Lt. Robert M. Shoemaker, serving in World War II.



BAZOOKA MEN fire into a German pillbox which has held up the American Infantry advance for several hours in the Senones area, France.

—Signal Corps Photo

Medics Occupy Secret List for 4 Campaigns

WITH U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE.—The tough, battle-wise veterans of the 261st Medical Battalion are something of a secret weapon. Though they have participated in four major campaigns and served overseas more than two years, their unit has just been released from the War Department's secret list.

Only "amphibious" army medics in the ETO, they comprise an outfit designed and trained to hit the beaches with the assault waves; they did it in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and finally in Normandy.

In Normandy, where they drove ashore under intensive artillery fire at H-120 minutes, these medics set up their equipment and tents within sight of the retreating Nazis, cleared the area of mines because the engineers were busy, and for five days gave medical

support to five Infantry Divisions and their service troops.

Maj. Raymond L. Skinner, a Bronze Star medal winner, commanded the first company to reach the beach. The other two companies landed in relays shortly afterwards under the direction of Maj. John Burns, of Milford, Mass., and Capt. Clifford B. Harwood, of Rutland, Vt.

Medical officers and enlisted technicians immediately began emergency treatment of casualties. Other personnel began setting up the clearing station and started the dangerous and unaccustomed task of removing enemy mines from the surrounding beach and fields. By H-8 hours the clearing station was in complete operation with major surgery being performed, the fields successfully de-mined and hundreds of casualties treated.

'Bootlegger' and 'Jedge Mac' Now Sample Kirsch Together

By DON RODDA

In 3rd Division's 'Front Line'

Once upon a time back in Gaston, N. C., in that far away land called America, there lived a young man. This young man was called "Bootlegger," because he was a dispenser of a particular and popular brand of Christmas cheer.

Naturally a cheerful young man, "Boot" dispensed his particular and popular brand of "cheer" at Christmas, New Year's—in fact, at any time of the year when "Jedge Mac" wasn't looking.

"Jedge Mac," you see, was also something of a dispenser: he dispensed justice from the big high bench, in the big high courthouse, back in Lincoln County, N. C., also in that far away land called America.

Before a man named Hershey started blowing a big draft through the whole country "Bootlegger" in avoidance of "Jedge Mac's" posse, got in some early practice as a camouflage artist, transporting his potent and particular brand of "cheer" under a load of watermelons, Christmas trees, or any

other Carolina produce.

Fortunately for "Bootlegger," it wasn't until long after the big draft and he and "Jedge Mac" found themselves in the same outfit, that both learned of their radically different civilian pursuits and the separate aim thereof.

That was after they both had been assigned to an anti-Luftwaffe battalion called the 41st, had crossed the deep wide ocean, and got mixed up with a Division called the Third, which was always fighting.

Now, "Bootlegger" and "Mac" regale their 41st buddies with many fabulous tales of the ancient prohibition days in N'awth C'lina.

So well is the young man named "Bootlegger" known by that title that it will be news even in the 41st that officially he is Cpl. Lloyd C. Heafner, of Cherryville, N. C. "Jedge Mac" is Cpl. James R. McNeeley, of Lincoln, N. C.

And "The Jedge" nods and smiles in agreement as if he too knew about the particular and popular brand of "cheer"—spelled "k-i-r-s-c-h."

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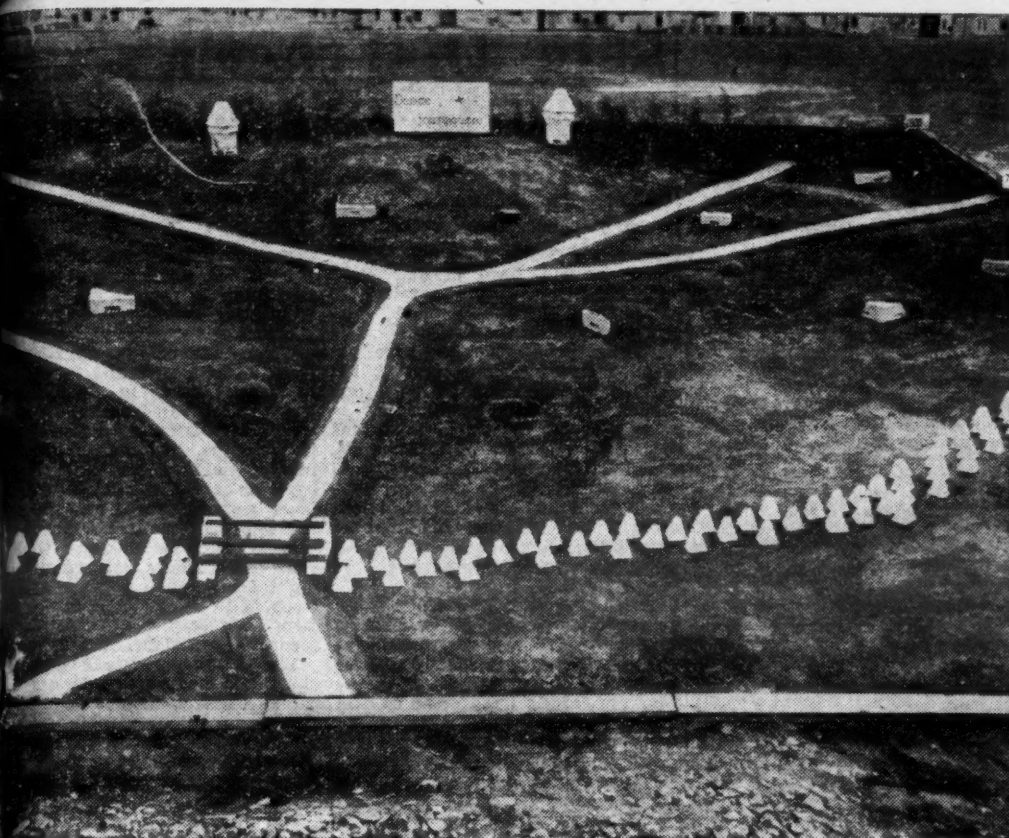
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MINIATURE "SIEGFRIED LINE" has been built at Camp Campbell, Ky., to teach men of the 70th Armored Infantry Battalion, 20th Armored Division, much about the great defense barrier which many of the trainees may have to face. The terrain plot is 20 feet by 20 feet, and details of the fortified zone, such as forts, with stepped-up embrasures, flak towers, dragons teeth, entrances to underground shelters, and barbed wire double apron fences, have been worked out in miniature scale. Replica was worked out under direction of Lt. Col. Samuel P. Kelley, Camp Campbell Commanding Officer.

Battles Nazis With Their Own Weapons; Wins Medal of Honor

WASHINGTON.—The battle ad-give them everything you've got, and then, give them back anything they've got—which 2nd Ernest H. Dervishian, of Richmond, Va., repeatedly offered the men of the Infantry platoon in which he served as technical sergeant in Italy, has resulted in his being awarded the Medal of Honor, the War Department announces.

On May 23, 1944, he applied his advice in a manner that is recorded in the nation's history.

In a foray into enemy lines when their machine guns slowed temporarily the breakthrough from the beachhead, his action set up a din his waiting comrades were convinced a major enemy force was in action.

The bag of Lieutenant Dervishian's foray was 48 Germans captured and four machine gun nests set out of action. In the action he first used his own carbine and hand grenade, and then a German machine gun and German machine pistols.

Scorned Heavy Fire
The citation recites that in the vicinity of Cisterna, Italy, Lieutenant Dervishian (then Technical Sergeant) and four members of his platoon found themselves far ahead of their company after an aggressive advance in the face of enemy artillery and sniper fire.

Approaching a railroad embankment they observed a force of German soldiers hiding in dugouts. Lieutenant Dervishian, directing his men to cover him, boldly moved forward and firing his carbine killed 10 Germans to surrender. His men then advanced and captured 15 more Germans occupying adjacent dugouts. The prisoners were returned to the rear to be picked up by advancing units.

From the railroad embankment Lieutenant Dervishian and his men observed nine Germans who were fleeing across a ridge. He and his men opened fire and three of the enemy were wounded. As the men were firing, Lieutenant Dervishian, unnoticed, fearlessly moved forward alone and captured the fleeing enemy before his

companions joined him on the ridge. At this point four other men joined Dervishian's group. An attempt was made to send the four newly-arrived men along the left flank of a large, dense vineyard that lay ahead, but murderous machine gun fire forced them back.

Forces Nazi Surrender
Deploying his men, Lieutenant Dervishian moved to the front of his group and led the advance into the vineyard. He and his men suddenly became pinned down by a machine gun firing at them at a distance of 15 yards. Feigning death while the hostile weapon blazed away at him, Lieutenant Dervishian assaulted the position during a halt in the firing, using a hand grenade and carbine fire, and forced the four German crew members to surrender. The four men on the left flank were now ordered to enter the vineyard, but encountered machine gun fire which killed one soldier and wounded another.

At this moment the enemy intensified the fight by throwing "potato masher" grenades at the

valiant band of American soldiers within the vineyard. Lieutenant Dervishian ordered his men to withdraw; but instead of following jumped into the machine gun position he had just captured and opened fire with the enemy weapon in the direction of the second hostile machine gun nest. Observing movement in a dugout two or three yards to the rear, Lieutenant Dervishian seized a machine gun pistol. Simultaneously blazing away at the entrance to the dugout to prevent its occupants from firing, and firing his machine gun at the other German nest, he forced five Germans in each position to surrender.

Determined to rid the area of all Germans, Lieutenant Dervishian continued his advance alone. Noticing another machine gun position beside a house, he picked up an abandoned machine pistol and forced six more Germans to surrender by spraying their position with fire. Unable to locate additional targets in the vicinity, Lieutenant Dervishian conducted these prisoners to the rear.

Bronze Star Medal Award for Courageous Red Cross Worker

WASHINGTON.—Miss Natalie Gould, 26-year-old American Red Cross recreation worker, of Mantoloking, N. C., has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in North Africa during the period March, 1942, to Sept., 1943, the War Department announces.

"Miss Gould, working under difficult conditions, displayed courage, tact and tireless energy in planning, directing and supervising the extensive recreational program which contributed greatly to the morale and welfare of the patients.

Champion Is Champ
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy.—Sgt. Mary L. Champion lived up to her name when it came to receiving Christmas gifts. The Dayton, O., Wac received 37 Yule packages, the largest number in her battalion.

Towards the close of the Tunisian Campaign she suffered a severe injury, but refusing transfer to a base hospital, she resumed her duties of administering to the sick and wounded prior to complete recovery," the citation stated.

At that time Miss Gould was assigned to the 77th Evacuation Hospital. Later transferred to England, she participated in the Cherbourg invasion and is at present somewhere in France working with a clubmobile unit.

Graduated from Mantoloking High School and Lewisburg College, North Carolina, Miss Gould was private secretary and interviewer for the Radio Department at the University of North Carolina at the time she joined the Red Cross, Dec. 7, 1942. She went overseas immediately after completing her training course.



"Cigarette, Four Papa?"

Physiotherapy Replaces Drugs in Treating Many Combat Ills

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—"I broke my ankle about a year ago and it still bothers me." "They got all the shell fragments out of my arm, but it always aches on rainy days." "I got this sinus infection in India and can't get rid of it."

These and similar complaints are heard from soldiers on sick call at Camp Butner's station hospital. Treatment in the Physiotherapy Section is indicated.

The use of Physiotherapy has increased enormously in recent years, taking the place of drugs in curing many ailments. The Army has found it particularly effective in treating ailments and injuries prevalent in combat units overseas and training in this country, that result from battlefield wounds, accidents, physical strain and changes in climate.

According to Col. James M. Troutt, post surgeon and director, medical division, Camp Butner, the station hospital's Physiotherapy Section has expanded to twice its original size. Twenty-five patients may be treated at one time. An average day sees over 200 patients through the section, with more than 300 treatments given. In addition, bed patients in the hospital receive treatments in the wards.

Pains and aches vanish under short-wave diathermy or the less penetrating heat of the Infra-Red Ray lamp. Massage is also used effectively in conjunction with heat treatments. Where direct heat is not desirable, the whirlpool baths are used.

By-products of the Physiotherapy Section are the curing of skin

ailments with the use of the ultra-violet ray lamp, and building up resistance to colds, where patients are highly susceptible to them, by the use of carbon arc lamp treatments. A few minutes of either of these are equivalent to hours in the sun. According to Lt. Dorothy V. Noll, of Florence, Kan., physiotherapist in charge of the section, the ultra-violet ray lamp serves as a beauty aid, too. It has been

known to cure cases of patchy baldness.

Among cases most commonly treated in the physiotherapy section are muscular strain, neuralgia, sinusitis, arthritis, bursitis, and aches and stiffness from old fractures. Short-wave diathermy has also been successfully used in the treatment of pneumonia cases, for paralysis, resulting from nerve injuries and for pleurisy.



—Signal Corps Photo

STUDY IN CONTRAST is provided at the San Antonio Air Service Command, Kelly Field, Tex., by Pfc. Donald E. Wright, who measures 6 feet 5 inches, and his diminutive buddy, Cpl. Herman M. Capaute, who just barely reaches 5 feet. Both from Chicago, they're with the 8th Engine Overhaul Squadron.

Former Chefs to Royalty Now Instructing GI Cooks

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—If they're good enough to concoct mouth-watering dishes for kings and queens—they're okay for GIs.

That could easily be the slogan of the medical section's bakers and cooks course of this large Army Service Forces training center, for three of its top-drawer instructors have cooked for half the crowned heads of Europe.

The men are T/5 Anthony Moglia and T/5 Ernest Martikke, of New York City, and Pfc. Vaclav Benes, of Chicago. Together, they've been backstage in most of the world's famous eating places for over half a century.

Martikke, who instructs tyro cooks in preparing dehydrated foods, has prepared meals in such famed gourmet gathering places as

Weinstuben Bonhardt, Berlin, Germany; Hotel Esplanade and Hotel Weimer, Rotterdam, and Kurhaus, Holland.

Benes has likewise done a lot of cooking and touring. He has worked in the finest hotels and resorts of Europe, catering almost exclusively to royalty and for five months baked pastries for the Mahadza of Benares, India, at Piastang spa.

Sent by the Czechoslovakian government to the New York World's Fair in 1939, Benes won second prize at the Fair with his fancy pastries.

Before Moglia came to America, he was chef for a royal family.

Joes Must Have Mazuma No Matter Where They Battle

WITH U. S. SUPPLY FORCES IN BELGIUM.—Keeping the U. S. soldier supplied with the money of the country in which he happens to be serving requires rapid service every day by the 138th Finance Disbursing Unit, now operating in a Belgian port.

Troops are often transferred from one point to another in the battle against Germany, and they carry with them a variety of money which reflects the speed with which the battle has moved through Western Europe.

An infantryman walks up to the cashier's desk in the unit's office. From his many pockets he extracts British pounds, two U. S. dollars, French francs, and Dutch guilders.

Skin Diphtheria Is Under Control

WASHINGTON.—Minor epidemics of skin diphtheria, a rare disease, which have broken out among American soldiers in the Pacific areas, have been brought under early control, according to Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army.

While these epidemics have not been of serious consequences, the problem of skin diphtheria is one of serious potential significance.

In a report on health conditions of the Army, Lt. Col. F. R. Dieuaide, Chief of Tropical Disease Treatment Branch of the Surgeon General's Office, who recently returned from a three-months' visit in three Pacific Theaters, described a small epidemic of skin diphtheria in the New Hebrides.

It is thought the epidemic arose from carriers. The diphtheria bacilli were carried in wounds, usually in the arms or legs. From this source in the skin of one individual, organisms are readily transferred to skin lesions in other persons or to the throats of susceptible soldiers.

Individuals afflicted with this disease usually do not show serious effects, although neuritis sometimes develops and there are occasional heart disturbances.

The symptoms usually disappear

if the patient is put at rest, lesions properly cleaned up, and sterile wet dressing applied. Penicillin has been used, but it is necessary unless other bacteria are present. A small dose of antitoxin is enough to protect most patients from any serious consequences themselves.

Colonel Dieuaide said that the disease has been found in this way in North Africa, in India and the Pacific. In general, it is rare that it is unknown to the public at large, including many doctors. Inability to take proper hygienic care of the skin and superficial wounds and living in close quarters give rise to its spread.

It is often mistakenly thought that most adults are immune to diphtheria. As a matter of fact, from 45 to 50 per cent of the soldiers are susceptible to this disease, according to Colonel Dieuaide.

The great importance of diphtheria lies in the danger that it may cause epidemics of ordinary diphtheria in susceptible soldiers who would suffer the usual severe illness. A small number of cases and a few deaths have occurred.

The Medical Department has taken effective steps to control the spread of skin diphtheria.

Ammunition by Billions, Arms by Millions, Being Turned Out

NEW YORK.—Thirteen hundred representatives of the modern small-arms and ammunition industry honored Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance, USA, and celebrated the industry's fifth anniversary at a dinner here at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

General Campbell, in reciting the achievements of an industry which employed but 5000 people in 1939, stated that in four-and-a-half years it has produced 19 billion .30 caliber cartridges, eight-and-a-half billion .50 caliber cartridges, seven billion rounds of pistol and carbine ammunition, and three billion rounds of rifle ammunition for lend-lease, besides 1,700,000 .50 caliber machine guns, 11 million rifles and carbines, and

4,000,000 pistols, rifles and machine guns.

He warned that the increased tempo of war demands higher production and said approved requirements this year call for production of 375,000,000 .30 caliber cartridges a month, 250,000,000 .50 caliber cartridges, and 175,000,000 rounds of pistol and carbine ammunition.

Holabird Had Record Year

HOLABIRD SIGNAL DEPT. Baltimore.—Col. Laurence Wainwright, Commanding Officer, announced that over five hundred million pounds of Signal Corps equipment had been shipped from the Depot to all parts of the world in the calendar year of 1944. In addition to front-line equipment, many thousands of servicemen from the Army Air Corps, Navy and Marines have been trained in communications and have been sent to the fighting fronts.

Besides poundage, it was revealed that 50,000 requisitions, 25,000 cables and over 400,000 line items have been processed this last year.

GI Eludes Nazis in Free-for-All

WITH THE 102ND INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY.—It wasn't bad enough for Sgt. John Robertson, of Topeka, Kan., to become separated from his patrol and bump up against a German sentry, but when he started a demonstration of unarmed defense and a second Jerry jumped into the fray, that was too much.

Things went badly for the Infantryman until the struggle became all confused in the dark. Pretty soon Sergeant Robertson found himself free of the enemy pair, who remained locked in grim embrace. That was the cue for a quick scramble on the part of the Yank who left his helmet behind as a consolation prize for the not-so-bright Nazis.

ASF Saves Millions

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—A total of more than \$11,000,000 has been saved by the Army Service Forces through adoption of "Ideas for Victory," submitted by civilian and military personnel since the inauguration of the suggestion program in June, 1943.

Liars' Crown Goes to Wac; It's Whopper

BURLINGTON, Wis.—World's champion liar is WAC Capt. Hope Harrin from Paris, who took the crown of the Burlington Liars' Club with:

"I wrote my girl, a petite blonde, to go to a plant that processed fresh vegetables for overseas shipment and get herself dehydrated. She did. Immediately her mother put her in an envelope and sent her to me, air mail. When the letter arrived, I took her out, poured water over her, and half an hour later she was good as ever—and here with me."

The club thought the whopper had been submitted by a soldier, admitted it had been hoodwinked when the H. initial the Wac had used turned out to stand for Hope.

Captain Harrin is a brunet in her early thirties. She formerly taught school in Conway, Ark., and at Florida State Teachers college.

Finds Canteen Cup in Barn; Revives Memories of War I

WITH THE 36TH "TEXAS" DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, France.—Nostalgic strains of "Over There" and "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" raced through the mind of Pvt. Wallace A. Cedarstrom, of Cleveland, recently when he came upon a canteen cup from World War I.

While cleaning out a French town for sleeping quarters, Cedarstrom shined his flashlight toward the ceiling. There nailed to a rafter he spotted a canteen cup.

Private Cedarstrom removed the jays of mud and dust. Inscribed on the cup was the following name and address: Virgil E. Hannan, Trenton, Missouri; Company A, Ninth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers.

"I hadn't realized that our troops had advanced this far in the last war," stated Cedarstrom. "I wonder what happened to the soldier who stayed here under the same conditions 26 years ago!"

See Here, Private!

80TH INF. DIVISION.—A captain, commanding a unit scheduled to relieve a company of the 90th Division, visited the division area for purposes of reconnaissance.

A regiment furnished the captain a runner. Upon reaching the front lines, the officer asked a few questions.

Capt.—What is out there on that hill?

Pfc.—Germans, sir.

Capt.—I can't see any of them.

Pfc.—They never walk around in the day.

Capt.—Are the Germans all in front of us?

Pfc.—No, sir. There are a few on the Russian front, sir.

No Kid's War; Honor Medals to Overaged

WASHINGTON. — America's fighting youth has been forced into a back seat in the unpremeditated scramble for this nation's highest honor—the Congressional Medal of Honor—as fighting men beyond the youthful stage carry off most of the laurels for outstanding heroism.

It's still a kid's war as far as numbers are concerned and there are scores of teen-age heroes, but the nation's top honor has gone to the daddy-age group in 107 out of 120 cases.

The average age of the 120 men wearing the Congressional Medal of Honor is 32, but several of them are in their 40's and 50's. Only 13 are under 24 and only five under voting age.

No one has yet been able to figure out a composite hero and the Decorations Board, final authority on all military honors, insists there is no set pattern. Everyone gives a different reason for his achievements; none of them react alike.

More than half of the 120 men who now wear the be-ribboned medal were over the 37-year draft

age limit and thus, by law, considered too old to fight. A few were just youngsters fresh from military academies or selective service camps.

Most of the 120 were American born, but China, Scotland, Poland, Sweden and the Philippines have representatives. The District of Columbia and 35 states fathered the 120 heroes. Thirty-four of them gave their lives.

Nine admirals and generals have won the medal in this war. General officers, junior officers, non-commissioned men, technicians, cooks and plain buck privates have found in themselves the same stuff from which great heroes are made.

Eric Gunnar Gibson, 24-year-old Army cook and Swedish immigrant, was one. He died on the Anzio beachhead after he had grabbed every weapon in sight and knocked out four German automatic rifle positions.

Oscar Petersen, 44-year-old chieftain of a water tender, stayed in the engine room during a Pacific sea battle to fight fire and steam while his crew escaped. He died.

Pvt. Nichols Minue, 44, veteran of two wars, charged a German machine-gun nest alone in Tunisia, killed ten men with his bayonet and died after clearing the road for his unit.

In the Solomons, Tech. Lewis Hall, 46, disobeyed orders to advance over fire-swept terrain to man an American machine gun after its crew had been killed. He too, died.

At Pearl Harbor, Peter Tomich, 50-year-old Navy water tender, died of burns so that his crew might escape.

There are many more, but their records prove only one thing. You can't tell a hero by his age.

Men in Hospital at Blanding See Shows in Wards

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—For the first time in the history of the Army Service Forces Regional Hospital here, a Hospital Circuit USO Camp Show presented entertainment directly in the hospital wards when the show, "Say When," was given last night.

In this way the group offered entertainment directly to those patients who, because of the nature of their illness, could not visit the Red Cross Auditorium.

LeHavre Harbor Is Reborn Thru Miracle by Engineers

WITH U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE.—Out of the smashed and smouldering heap of rubble that was the port of Le Havre, hundreds of tons of vital supplies are pouring daily to the armies at the front.

The sounds of trains departing and the roar of truck convoys, all heavy with fuel, food and ammunition, fill the reborn harbor which some military experts thought had been so savagely damaged it could not be put to use again for military purposes. Its output dwarfs any

optimistic estimate previously made.

First the amphibian trucks arrived, many of them manned by veterans of Sicily and Italy; tug boat companies came, along with engineer port construction and repair groups. Navy and Army divers cleared hidden wreckage. Thousands of men sweated side by side, day and night. All gave their energy and their battle-tempered skills. Many gave their lives.

Railway tracks and roads leading into the dock area were whipped into shape by a Negro engineer outfit that labored 12 to 14 hours a day. Le Havre was once again functioning to open a source of supplies hundreds of miles nearer to the front than the breakwaters on the storm-rocked coast of Normandy.

Blue Light Makes Padre's Face Red

90TH INF. DIVISION.—Even chaplains aren't immune from embarrassing moments.

After a particularly tough day in the early stages of the French campaign, Chaplain James M. Hamilton of the 90th Division, together with Capt. Joseph J. McEvoy, a Battalion surgeon, were directed to an aid station where they were told they could get some rest. At the aid station, the two officers and their assistants found a paratrooper, covered with a blanket lying on a litter.

The chaplain, in the darkness of the room, made an examination of the paratrooper with a flashlight. "The man's dead," was the chaplain's verdict.

In the morning, one of the officers checked the casualty. "The dead man has turned over," he shouted, whereupon the resulting uproar stirred the exhausted paratrooper out of his deep slumber. The chaplain had inadvertently based his judgment on the color of the paratrooper's face under a blue flashlight.



—Signal Corps Photo

WITH ONLY one ridge separating them from the enemy, American medics have set up a forward battalion aid station. Some of their vehicles can be seen in the fields below.

Finds Gold in Nevada Hills

RENO AAB, Nev.—Nevada has had its "Sandy" Bowers, "Old Virginny" and Bill Comstock as famous prospectors. RAAB adds to this distinguished group a GI version of a miner in Cpl. John Miller of the 65th Sqdn., a native of Bath, Me.

Miller, who is an instrument specialist, has made a study and hobby of collecting minerals since he was a boy when he explored the mountains throughout the state of Maine.

Now in the time-honored sourdough manner, but GI fashion, John explores the hills and pans the streams of the surrounding country. The results of his efforts are encouraging in that he has acquired approximately \$25 in gold, most of it out of local streams. He has also found some good specimens of copper, silver and tungsten.

The fact of the matter is that Corporal Miller has staked a claim in them thar hills. Of course he "ain't telling where," but he's hoping it will be another Comstock.

Col. Besson to Retire

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—After 39 years of distinguished service with the Corps of Engineers, Col. Frank S. Besson, commanding officer of the engineer section of this Army Service Forces training center, has announced his intention to retire from active service.

German PWs at Breckinridge Earn Their Bread and Board

CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, Ky.—German prisoners are made to earn their bread and board by assisting in the operation and maintenance of Camp Breckinridge. They perform jobs that range from ordinary labor to skilled technical work.

Functional offices of this camp, as well as neighboring farms and industries, are utilizing every available and qualified prisoner of war in a variety of daily assignments.

Medical diagnoses are speeded in Post Hospital by using prisoners to develop x-ray photographs. A skilled orthopedic technician prepares braces and assists in other ways to promote recovery of injured American soldiers. Prisoners have worked well with Hebrew doctors, dentists and unit commanders.

Prisoners in the carpenter, tin and paint shops and in other maintenance units keep the buildings in repair. German prisoners are used to repair typewriters, radios, refrigerator units, and even to bone meat before it is issued.

14th Has Record Month; Destroys 241 Jap Planes

CHUNGKING.—The best month on record for the 14th Air Force was hung up in December with the destruction of 241 Jap planes. The Americans didn't lose a single ship in aerial combat.

Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, commander, said the destroyed

enemy planes represented a substantial portion of the entire Jap air strength in China.

He also revealed that his planes sank 73,950 tons of shipping and probably sank or damaged 113,900 tons, in addition to three naval ships and scores of small craft.

The general spiked reports that loss of air bases in China had made the position of the 14th perilous. He said the force would be there when the last Jap was made a prisoner.

For his "phenomenal success" in directing the old Flying Tigers, the general was decorated with the Legion of Merit.

Still Dream of Old South

WITH THE DIXIE DIVISION ON MOROTAI.—Three years of maneuvers in Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and the Carolinas have left a lasting impression on the 31st Infantry Division that 10 months overseas has not been able to obliterate. Everything is likely to be compared—favorably—with these maneuvers.

"You think this jungle's thick? Why, down in Louisiana in '41..."

It was not surprising, then, that after a unit of the Dixie Division had come through a tough day's fighting which resulted in the annihilation of some 200 Japs, this cry broke out to spread through the undergrowth of a Pacific isle: "Problem's over! Take off your blue ribbons!"

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Supply Troops Battle Krauts, Save Depots

WITH AN ADVANCED SUPPLY HEADQUARTERS, Belgium.—Armies with carbines, many U. S. Army supply troops are fighting beside combat troops to prevent counter-attacking Nazis from seizing vital supply dumps and installations. Clerks, mechanics, truck drivers, cooks and other specialists have been sent into the line to protect supply depots, engineer, signal and other installations which these same men have labored night and day for months to build.

A small detachment of a Signal Service battalion under 2nd Lt. Leo Dietrich has been engaged for four days in the vicinity of a cable repeater station they had been operating. With them is a platoon of an

infantry regiment, command by 2nd Lt. Raymond M. Regal, of Peoria, Ill.

Fighting alongside veteran First Army troops, untried units of an Engineer General Service Regiment attacked a Belgian village held by the Nazis and, when thrown back by superior forces, dug into the frozen mud at a roadblock position and held until relieved by American armor the next day. This heterogeneous unit was comprised of men from a Base Equipment Company, under Capt. Carrol V. Riley, an Engineer Maintenance Company, under 1st Lt. George H. Miller, and two companies of an Engineer General Service Regiment commanded by Capt. Samuel A. Spencer and Louis C. Goldberg.

Force Nazi Withdrawal

An Engineer Depot Company had prepared to demolish its depot as Nazis advanced in the area, but went into the line to protect it on orders from the tactical command. Facing not only automatic weapon and mortar fire, but also a German Tiger tank, the supply soldiers, armed only with carbines, aided in holding the enemy and caused him to withdraw from the sector.

The depot company dug in on a small hill overlooking the disputed village as mortar shells screamed overhead and Nazi rifle bullets whipped through the frozen trees above them. For seven hours the supply unit kept up a steady stream of fire but as darkness fell the tank and assisting Nazi infantry withdrew.

The company then returned to the depot and evacuated on orders from the tactical commander. The next day a volunteer unit headed by Lieutenant Bullock returned to guard the depot and to destroy it if the situation justified such a move. An Engineer Forestry Company sustained several casualties at another location while personnel were trying to rescue four soldiers trapped in two burning vehicles in a minefield.

A General Hospital, forced to evacuate by the German advance, left behind medical corpsmen to care for the wounded Nazi prisoners under treatment there.

Postwar Plan for Highways Is Under Way

WASHINGTON.—Apportionment of the first \$500,000,000 of the billion-and-a-half dollars authorized by Congress for the vast post-war highway construction program has been announced by Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Federal Works Administrator.

At this time, however, but \$100,000,000 will be made available for surveys and plans and construction. Four hundred million of the \$500,000,000 will not be forthcoming to the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, which share the fund, until the President proclaims the end of the war emergency or the Senate and House adopt a concurrent resolution authorizing the expenditure. The program, intended to create postwar employment, calls for states to match the Federal expenditure dollar-for-dollar, which means that when war ends and the plan is fully under way, \$1,000,000,000 will be expended.

A CAMPAIGN against the dread disease trench foot in the European theater has reduced the attacks by 75 per cent.

Technician to Take Bride Despite Tentmates' Taunts

By S/Sgt. JAMES LYNCH
CAMP GRUBER, Okla.—On the 10th of January, T/4 Roman Walek, 1st Bn's master mechanic, and D/4 Co's pride, will take unto himself a bride. . . . You'd think one at a time would be enough. Lt. Joseph Halloran, "D" Co's CO and the "Married Circle," all had some word of advice to pass on to the "Major," and it went something like this:

Lt. Halloran: "There are too many people, Sergeant, who think marriage is just a word. It's not—it's a sentence!"

T/Sgt. LaVack: "There's really nothing like marriage. What a thrill—thumbing your nose at the house detective!"

T/Sgt. Quimby: "Marriage is a mineral where you can smell your own flowers!"

T/Sgt. Tucker: "Did you ever notice that before a man is married he swears to love? Then he gets married, and he loves to swear!"

Cpl. Norgan: "Did you ever notice he look on a bride's face? She's not happy—she's triumphant!"

Cpl. Chadwick: "Before I was married, my mother-in-law told me marriage was an investment—She's paid her two cents in ever since!"

Cpl. Boni: "Before I was married used to catch my wife in my arms. . . . Now I catch her in my pockets!"

The "Major" took it all in good spirit, still determined to "declare war" on the 20th. We'll be up to catch you "tie the knot," ole man. There's really no advice I can

give, being single, but I do know marriage can be a beautiful thing. My mother and father have been married for thirty years, and every night Pop rocks Mom to sleep—he uses such big rocks too!

Congratulations, Walek, and the best of luck to you both—you'll need it!



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GROUP OF GIs and a 35-year-old elephant move a 2600-pound electric refrigerator into the PX, under supervision of Capt. Stanley R. Hall, Post Exchange Officer of the Southeast Asia Command Headquarters. For its job, the mammal was rewarded with a quarter stalk of bananas and a few slices of bread.

Army Ground Forces News

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES.—"We have the greatest fighting Army that has ever been known in history," is the compliment that Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, Commanding General of Army Ground Forces, paid to the American fighting forces when he appeared as honor guest before the Pan-Civic Club members at El Paso, Tex.

However, General Lear stressed the fact that the recent German offensive proved "the war is not over, by a long shot."

Promotions for 11 officers of AGF headquarters were announced last week, including the advancement of three officers to the rank of full colonel, and the promotion of eight other officers to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Given the rank of colonel were Ernest M. Clarke, GSC, Ground G-4 Section; John M. Breit, GSC, and John Lemp, FA, both of Ground G-3 Section.

Attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel were Stanislaus J. Codner, AGD, Ground Adjutant General Section; Bryce F. Denno, Infantry, Ground G-3 Section; Lynn D. Fargo, Infantry, Ground Requirements Section; Herbert L. Herberts, FA, Ground G-3 Section; Elliot C. Laidlow, Infantry, Ground G-2 Section; Joseph A. Logan, Jr., GE, Ground G-3 Section; Earle L.

Parker, GAV, Ground G-1 Section, and Walter J. Preston, Jr., FA, Ground Requirements Section.

Newly assigned officers for permanent duty at this headquarters include Lt. Col. Charles H. Burch, SIG C Ground Signal Section, and Lt. Col. John J. Dolan, QMC, Ground Quartermaster Section.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED CENTER.—Col. N. B. Briscoe concluded four years' service as Post Commander at Fort Knox, Ky., on Dec. 31, when he went on four months' terminal leave prior to his retirement. Col. Russell C. Throckmorton, former Post Commander at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., assumed command of Fort Knox Jan. 1.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED SCHOOL.—Col. William B. Kern, director of the Armored School Tactics Department, was transferred to Washington recently for special duty with Army Ground Forces.

Lt. Col. Wendell H. Langdon has been appointed acting director of the Tactics Department in Col. Kern's absence.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED TRAINING CENTER.—2d Lt. Robert D. Han has been assigned as Assistant Special Service Officer in the ARTC.

Maj. Lacey W. Hinely has assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 1st Student Regiment, succeeding Lt. Col. George E. Bender.

HEADQUARTERS, TANK DESTROYER REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER.—Lt. Col. Rolland E. George has been assigned to this headquarters.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND.—Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, Commanding General of Army Ground Forces, visited headquarters Anti-aircraft Command, Anti-aircraft Artillery School, Anti-aircraft Artillery Board, Anti-aircraft Replacement Training Center and Anti-aircraft Artillery Training Center at Fort Bliss, Tex., on an inspection tour. General Lear was accompanied by AGF Headquarters by Brig. Gen. R. E. Starr, Brig. Gen. L. M. Haynes, Col. H. S. Johnson, Col. C. C. Gregg, Lt. Col. B. A. Ford, Lt. Col. K. N. Matthews and Maj. W. M. Conner.

HEADQUARTERS, FIELD ARTILLERY SCHOOL.—Maj. Gen. Harry F. Hazlett, Commanding General of the Replacement and School Command, visited the Field Artillery School and the Replacement Training Center.

Thirty-four members of the 3rd Battalion, 166th Infantry, commanded by Lt. Col. O. H. Gibson, successfully completed requirements recently for the Expert Infantryman Badge. The badge will be presented at a battalion formation.

Capt. Lee P. McCarter, Secretary of the Department of Motors of the Field Artillery School, recently marked his thirtieth anniversary as a soldier.

Officers newly assigned as members of the staff and faculty included Lt. Col. Carl A. Cramer, Department of Gunnery; Maj. Hurley W. Chase, Capt. Carl A. Constant and 2d Lt. John F. Lawler, Department of Combined Arms.

CUB PILOTS ATTACK TANK WITH PISTOLS

90th INF. DIVISION—Americans will try anything. The latest 90th Division "Ripley" story was reported by Capt. Henry V. Baushausen and Lt. Emmett Collins.

A liaison plane, over the front lines, spotted enemy tanks approaching one of the American command posts and called for a fire mission from the infantry. Pvt. William F. Donnelly and Sgt. Earl Wangeline, bazooka team, set out to stalk the armored vehicles. The two men were successful in knocking out one of the tanks but were only able to cripple one other.

As the 58-ton monster wheeled slowly away, the observing liaison cub dived in for the "kill." The two officers in the plane let loose with everything they had which were well-aimed shots from two .45 pistols!

Seven Neisi Cited for Distinguished Service

WASHINGTON.—Additional testimony to the heroism of the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate), composed of American doughboys of Japanese descent from Hawaii, came in the announcement of awards of the Distinguished Service Cross to seven members of the famous Infantry unit, one award being posthumous.

Other awards, including many Silver Stars, Bronze Star Medals and Purple Hearts, have been won by members of this unit.

All seven of today's awards were won in the Italian campaign. The 100th Infantry Battalion now is in action in France.

Returnees Feel More Education Will Lessen Postwar Problems

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Out of the chaos and tragedy of the present world conflict will come a better world—that's what a lot of returnees here at the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Asheville think.

Even though the war is far from over, they are thinking of postwar plans and problems; and each one of them wants to better his position in life after the war. The reason they give is that during the war they have come in contact with all kinds of people and have exchanged ideas; and have taken Army courses to prepare them either for Army assignments or for the after-war period.

Soldiers interviewed here for their postwar plans said they would take advantage of the GI Bill of Rights and better their lot after the war. There is a rising well of ambition, an urge to be someone in postwar America.

Would Lease Coal Mine

Pvt. G. E. Farmer, of Premier, W. Va., a former miner, intends to borrow money from the government to obtain a lease on a coal mine. A veteran of 47 months in Panama, he intends to use mechanical means of wrestling the coal from the earth. "I have spent many evenings keeping up with the latest in mining, and I believe I will be up to date when I get out."

"I'm going to a trade school to study electrical engineering," said S/Sgt. J. A. Bowles, of Kernersville, N. C., back from the Caribbean theater. "Of course I'm going to take advantage of the government's offer to lend us soldiers

money."

"I didn't learn too much about my work in the Army, but at least I remained in my own line so far," said M/Sgt. L. D. Fuller, a Finance



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FIGHTING was to the liking of 2nd Lt. Charles W. (Shoot 'Em) Shea, 23-year-old Bronx, N. Y., winner of the Medal of Honor. First time he got into a fight, as a rifle platoon leader in the 350th "Battle Mountain" Regiment, 88th "Blue Devil" Division, 5th Army in Italy, he knocked out three German machinegun nests, killed three Germans and took seven prisoners. He was given a battlefield commission.

soldier in the 1st Army Corps, and formerly a teller with the City National Bank in Columbia, S. C. "If the Army will send me to school I will consider courses in banking and commercial law."

To Business School

Pvt. E. C. Harper, of Charleston, W. Va., didn't have a chance to get started before he entered the Army, but he intends to go to business school after the war, if the government will finance his education. Back from England he hasn't given much thought to the postwar yet. "I'm still in the Army you know," he said.

Wac Pvt. Ruth D. Hurlbert, of Portland, Me., a returnee from the Allied Force headquarters in Africa and Italy, is thinking of going to school after this is over.

"I'm going into business," said Sgt. R. C. Fitzpatrick, of Cincinnati, a veteran of 27 months in the Pacific theater as an infantryman. "Yes, I expect to borrow money from the government to open an electrical appliance business."

That is the story of the overseas returnee—an ambition for a place in the sun, a right they feel they have coming to them for efforts expended in the service of their country.

Many Negro Soldiers Want More Schooling

WASHINGTON.—Over 30,000 Negro enlisted men now in the Army plan to return to full-time school or college after the war, according to a cross-section survey which included a representative sample of the 700,000 Negro troops now in the Army, the War Department announced.

In addition to those who have definite plans for full-time school or college, an even larger number say they may go back to school, but also are considering other job plans. The result of the survey indicates

that a proportionately higher percentage of Negro soldiers than White soldiers plan to complete high school or trade school courses on a full-time basis. However, the number planning full-time college attendance is proportionately smaller, a difference that is accounted for by previous educational experience before entering the Army.

Of the men with definite plans for full-time school or college attendance, most are under 25 years old and single, and two out of three are qualified to enter college.

Although a large portion of the men in the Army were not familiar with the details of the GI Bill of Rights at the time the survey was made, the response indicates a high degree of interest on the part of troops in taking advantage of the educational opportunities of the bill.

California Dice Prove Costly to Jap-Shootin' GI

WITH THE DIXIE DIVISION ON MOROTAI.—Sgt. Martin W. Lang wishes his sister in California and his wife in Iowa would get together on the kind of life they want him to lead overseas.

"I promised Helen, that's my wife in Oelwein, Ia., that I wouldn't gamble," muttered the sergeant. "Then what does my sister do (that's Mrs. H. C. Grant out in Oakland, Calif.), but send me a whole damn pouch of dice for Christmas, all kinds—poker dice, put and take dice and plain crap-shootin' dice. I don't know anything about dice. How do you keep the put and take pot from getting too big? I lost \$10."

Lang, member of a 31st Infantry Division headquarters company, is referring the matter to California for explanation in Iowa.

Grid Star Killed

WITH THE 3D ARMY, France.—Cpl. Carl H. Chavis, of High Point, N. C., who once sparked one of Coach Eddie Hart's championship football teams at Norgan College, was killed while carrying precious and vital supplies across the Moselle river.

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Sports Puzzled by Work-or-Fight

Arkansas Five Gets Hot, Then Very Cold

WASHINGTON.—The red-hot Kentucky Wildcats were considered more than an even-money bet for the game with Arkansas, but before it was over the prekeepers were doubting their ability, the Razorbacks were wishing they were back in Arkansas and the Wildcats were really wild. Arkansas took the floor with two Southwest Conference scoring records in the books. The Razorbacks defeated Baylor, 94 to 29, and to 30, in two games for single game records and a conference record of 184 points for two games. Arkansas left the Lexington floor with a couple more records: 1. Scored but 6 points in the evening; Absorbed the worst one-sided kicking in big-time basketball history, 75-6.

Kentucky is rated the number one contender for the national title. Undeclared thus far, it has beaten such classy teams as Temple, which given a chance for eastern honors.

Army As Usual

Although Army hasn't taken to the hardwood as yet, most experts expect the cage team to take up where the grid team left off. The Redjackets were undefeated in 15 games last season.

Muhlenberg and Iowa, both undefeated, are expected to be in the money when the season ends.

In the East, Syracuse, St. John's and Yale are challenging Army and Temple for court honors.

In the Eastern Intercollegiate League, Dartmouth, Penn, Cornell and Columbia are in a four-way tie. Penn upset Cornell and Colum-

bia downed Dartmouth to the amazement of the dopesters.

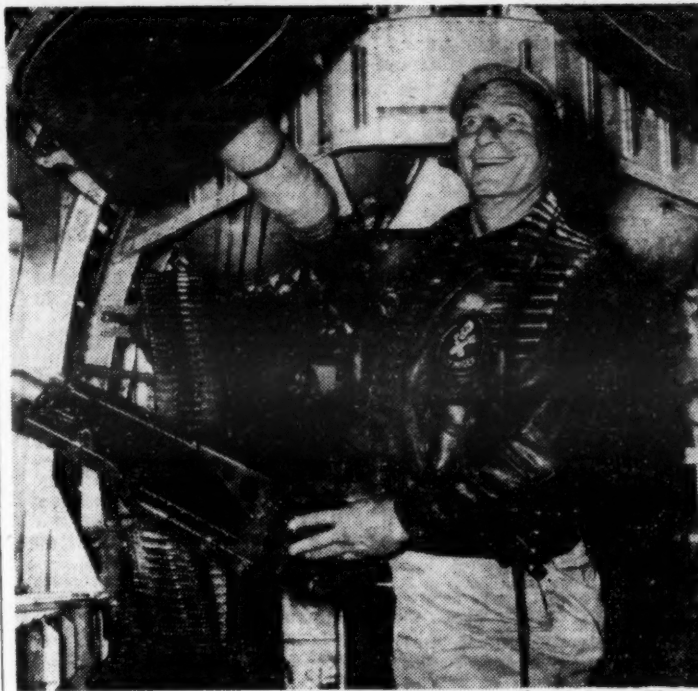
Iowa is favored in the Big Ten, although the race is wide open. Purdue downed Ohio State and Michigan beat Illinois, to make it easier for the Iowa five. All of the teams appear dangerous. Great Lakes, Notre Dame and DePaul shape up as the best of the independents.

Scrambled Big Six

The Big Six race is scrambled, with Iowa State and Kansas in the lead, but the other four members are capable of springing a surprise at any time.

South Carolina leads in the South, but Duke has yet to show its stuff. Despite its tumble, Arkansas is king-pin in the Southwest—but Rice is right behind.

Kentucky should have everything its own way in its league. Washington and Oregon, California and UCLA lead in the split Pacific Coast. In the Rocky Mountains, Utah and Utah Aggies look good, while Wyoming, despite a terrible road trip, showed improved form by the time they hit the Cowboy state.



TOURING ADVANCE Army Bases, Al Schacht, "Clown Prince of Baseball," puts on his comic routine as he stands behind the .50-cal. waist gun of a Jolly Roger Liberator Bomber of the U. S. Army 5th Air Force in the South Pacific.

Team Owners Have All-out Order Worries

WASHINGTON.—These are sad-worry days for moguls of the sports world.

Owners of major and minor league baseball clubs and pro football eleven are gloomily busy endeavoring to solve the problem confronting their enterprises through the "work-or-fight" orders of the President, the War Mobilization Board and Selective Service.

Legislation asked of Congress calls for drafting of 4,000,000 4-Fs either for military services or labor in essential war industries. And among these 4-Fs are many hundreds of baseball and football players who have been rejected by their draft boards, quite a number of whom are big stars in the sports world.

Under the proposed legislation, draft boards would re-examine all rejectees. Those with minor ills would be assigned to military service at home and those completely unfit physically for service would be ordered to jobs in war industries. The latter would be "frozen" there, with job-jumpers placed in special armed service battalions ineligible to veterans' benefits.

Travel Is Handicap

Baseball would be particularly hard hit because schedules call for road trips and players could not leave their war jobs for the tours. Football would be better off because schedules call for Sunday games only, and players could make it by plane back to their work Monday mornings.

Many of its players being Canadians, hockey would suffer little effect. There's not much "man-power" involved in boxing.

College football would lose personnel in large numbers, but new enrollments of youngsters would fill in the voids.

Soldiers overseas and in home camps are rather passive in their attitude on future sports programs. While most agree that sports is a fine thing for morale, that it's a grand and glorious feeling to witness athletic contests or sit in on broadcasting of games, particularly World Series and college grid tilts, many GIs have been critical of the seeming laxity of draft boards in passing on physical qualifications of large numbers of players.

Should there come a "shut-down" for baseball, it would be no new experience. With "work-or-fight" in effect in World War I, the major leagues finished a shortened season in 1918 and were ready to close up shop for 1919 when they were saved by the Armistice.

And there was added grief for followers of the bangtails in the order of the Board of War Communications requesting telephone and telegraph industries to take immediate steps to "reclaim facilities and manpower used to disseminate racing information." Summed up, it meant: "Cut out wire services on racing dope from Mexico and Havana."

'Light Horse' Wilson Lauds 'Red'

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Belated, but none the less sincere, praise for the splendid job Col. Earl (Red) Blaik turned in last fall in coaching West Point to the national college football championship was voiced here by Col. (Light Horse) Harry

Wilson, of Sharon, Pa., Penn State and Army gridiron immortal, who once was Blaik's coaching assistant.

Light Horse Harry, who played seven years of college football, three at Penn State and four at West Point and won All-American laurels in four of those seasons, had just checked in at the AAF Redistribution Station No. 1 from the South Pacific, where he flew 45 combat missions as CO of a B-25 group which gave the Japs at Rabaul and other strongholds plenty of hell.

"I haven't seen West Point play football since 1934," Col. Wilson admitted. "Too busy with my Army job. But I do know that with the West Point course squeezed into three years the football squad couldn't have had very many hours to devote to practice. Red must have done a wonderful coaching job to achieve an unbeaten record."

Colonel Wilson reported tremendous interest in sports overseas. Light Horse Harry, whose touchdown runs of 55, 77 and 95 yards against Navy in 1923 highlight Penn State gridiron history, met many former sports stars overseas. Did their athletic background help them as fliers?

"Definitely yes," answered the Colonel. "And it didn't matter what sport, football, baseball, tennis or

swimming. Sports helps coordination, and you certainly need good coordination to be a good flier."

Snead Comes From Behind For Golf Win

LOS ANGELES.—Coming from behind to overcome and pass four others, and then nonchalantly knocking in a four-foot putt on the 18th green, Sam Snead, of Hot Springs, Va., won the Los Angeles open tournament Monday with a 72-hole score of 283 and took first money of \$2666 in war bonds.

Harold McSpaden and Byron Nelson tied for second money of \$1600 in bonds, with 284. Sam Byrd won fourth of \$1006 with 285, Revolta and Mangrum shared the 287 bracket and Sgt. Jim Ferrier, of Camp Roberts, Calif., carded a four-round total of 288.

Enter Track Team

CAMP LEE, Va.—Prompted by invitations to enter a team in many of the East's leading indoor track and field meets, Lt. John Thomas, assistant Special Service Officer, has issued a call for First Training Group cinder hopefuls.

Title Bouts at Beale Will See Boxers from 11 States

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—Army boxers who have fought their way to district titles in 11 western states will compete in the Ninth Service Command's Boxing Tournament finals to be held here Jan. 18, 19 and 20. The tournament is a part of the athletic program for men of the armed forces.

Finalists are entered from Fort Lewis, Fort Ord, Fort Winfield Scott, Fort Huachuca, Hammond General Hospital, Mountain Home Air Base, Palm Springs Air Base, Muroc Air Base, Douglas Air Base, Camp Ross, Camp McQuade and Camp Beale.

Although five heavyweights are

entered, Camp Beale's Eddie Sims, National AAU champion, who won the San Francisco Golden Gloves senior heavyweight championship last month, is already regarded as a leading contender for the Army's western title. Sims' record makes him one of the most promising of heavyweight amateurs fighting today. Sims has defeated three top-flight amateur heavies: John Thorne, New York City champion; Larry Williams, Indiana titleholder, and Reyno Workman, New England champion. Eddie defeated Workman in April last year to win the Amateur Athletic Union heavyweight title of the nation.

Hunting and Fishing Interest Servicemen

WASHINGTON.—That servicemen are strongly interested in hunting and fishing was evidenced in a prediction this week by Dr. N. Gabrielson, wildlife director, that following the war the interest in those forms of outdoor sports will increase materially.

"Judging from our mail from servicemen and others, this form of sport may increase as much as 50 per cent," Dr. Gabrielson said. Following the last war, he noted, the interest went up 50 per cent.

Despite wartime limitations on travel and ammunition, approximately 8,000,000 hunters and fishermen in the United States were able to indulge in their favorite sport last year, the Fish and Wildlife Division of the Interior Department reported this week. More than a million \$1 duck stamps were sold, for the sixth straight year.

The Postoffice Department, which handles the sale of duck stamps, checked over its 10-year record and announced total sales of 9,870,415. The peak year was 1941-42, when 1,442,284 were sold, as against the 1,194,284 for the 1944 fiscal year.

For the hunting season the past fall the War Production Board released approximately 500,000,000

shells, about 75 per cent of the normal supply.

But with the demands for small arms ammunition rocketing upwards by reason of the German counterattacks, and general conditions in Europe the production of hunting ammunition has pretty well stopped, a spokesman for the War Production Board said.

Fishing tackle manufacturers may get a slight break, since orders controlling production of such equipment have been rescinded. The situation in that field depends on the availability of materials, the WPB spokesman said. "Brass and nickel are pretty tight, but if the tackle manufacturers can get along on steel and aluminum and solve the manpower problem it will be okay."

MEXICAN U. CAGERS PLAYING CAMPS ON 10,000-MILE TOUR

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—When the University of Mexico basketball team comes here next Tuesday night to meet Lt. Ted Roderick's 220th Engineers quintet, it will be one of the stops in an ambitious trip that is taking the young cagers from across the border into nine States on a journey of 10,000 miles.

The long journey for the Mexican school, which is celebrating its 16th year in the cage sport, was arranged as part of an intensive sports program instituted by the Mexican government several years ago. The officials are aiming to rival the United States in sports, and government-sponsored programs in many sports have been inaugurated. Two years ago the championship Mexican girls' team toured the United States, making a good impression and winning its share of games.

Mexican U. quint's schedule op-

ened at Waco, Tex., last Monday night. Other games are scheduled for Fort Worth, Dallas and Camp Fannin, Tex.; Monroe, La.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Memphis, Tenn.; Paducah, Ky.; Evansville, Terre Haute and Indianapolis, Ind.; Denver, Colo.; Madison, Wis., and Chicago. Ray Doan, nationally known sportsman, is handling the tour for the Mexicans.

Army Routed in Lily Bowl Game

HAMILTON, Bermuda.—There was a quick change in the picture of the annual Lily Bowl football game. With 11,000 attending, a United States Army eleven registered a touchdown in the first few minutes of play. Then Navy came through with six touchdowns in rapid succession, winning, 36-6.

Stockton, Merced and McClellan Lead Loop

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—Basketball teams representing Stockton Air Base, McClellan Field and Merced Air Base are leading the 10-team Central California Servicemen's League, and the first-half winner is certain to be one of the three.

Stockton Air Base has won five games and has yet to be defeated. McClellan Field has won the same number, but was defeated by Merced in the opening game for the two quintets.

28th Division Defies Death by Great Display of Fighting Guts

WITH AMERICAN TROOPS, in Belgium.—Yank guts, willingness to die—rather than let the Germans split the Allied armies in a sweep to perhaps Antwerp—this is the heroic story of the U. S. 28th Division.

Every GI of this intrepid group of men challenged the gates of death—knocked on the portals of the Valhalla of the martial great—on Dec. 16 when the Nazi onslaught fired into action.

Heroes were legion. Many sleep in death. Others live to fight again. Here are a few of the typical stories.

A weeping American lieutenant speaks over the radiophone. "We are down to our last grenades. I don't mind dying. I don't mind taking a beating—but we'll never give up." The outfit had been without

ammunition for five hours.

Near Reisdorf, one Yank outfit held its fire until a solid line of Germans was only 50 yards away. A murderous fire cut down the Nazis until they were clambering over their own dead.

The tanks came swiftly towards the foxholed Yanks, chewed into the bodies of their own dying. The Americans were surrounded, couldn't get out, radioed—"We'll make them pay."

Last Ride for Nazis

Farther south, near Weiler, a mortar outfit was surrounded. It fought for 48 hours. When supplies ran low, a jeep driver tried to bring some in. A machinegun ended his race. Four Nazis later were caught in the vehicle. They will never ride again.

Capt. Floyd McCutcheon, Idaville, Ind., and Pvt. Manuel Wise, Big Springs, Tex., worked up a hill. Four Germans stumbled onto the outpost. The four died.

The outfit fought all night, gained

a pine grove only to find it surrounded by paratroopers. But they fought on. Many died, many got out. That is the story of the 28th.

Smacks and Kisses

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—Something new was added to the boxing program at Keesler Field recently after a lend-lease airplane mechanics student from France won the heavy-weight title of the AAF Training Command station. True to tradition, the Frenchman gave his defeated opponent an osculatory citation—yes, on both cheeks.

New Device to Make Plane Flying Easier

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—A device to register the muscular expenditure required to move airplane controls has been developed by Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Corp. This will permit designers to make alterations where excessive use of muscles are needed. Test pilots, it was explained, are too muscular to notice the fatigue experienced by other pilots.

Sea-going Warehouses Supply Pacific Bases

WASHINGTON.—Sea-going warehouses, complete from cotters to camshafts, now back up the combat and ground crews of the U. S. Army 7th Air Force in the Pacific.

Towed over thousands of miles of water as the AAF moves toward Tokyo, the barges can accompany the amphibious task forces, moving in to service fighters and bombers the moment a base is secured. They are used in the crucial days when permanent or semi-permanent buildings on newly-captured bases are being constructed.

An old Mississippi River scow, borrowed from the Navy, was the forerunner of these new, floating air depots. Converted into a warehouse, it proved its worth in the Ellice and Gilbert Island campaigns.

Fully stocked, each barge carries more than 5000 separate items from the smallest nut to large wing and tail assemblies. A few moments after the compact, two-way radio at the barge's shore station has sent its call for an aircraft part, the item is whisked by a small, powerful landing craft to shore, where it is then relayed to ground crews by jeep.

For loading and unloading heavy equipment, two-deck cranes are operated on power of Diesel engines which also furnish air-condi-

Senate Bill Eliminates St. Lawrence Waterway

WASHINGTON.—The controversial \$400,000,000 St. Lawrence Seaway project is among a number of administration-supported proposals to be eliminated from a new Rivers and Harbors bill introduced in the Senate by Sen. Josiah W. Bailey, of North Carolina.

The new bill has been stripped of broad technical provisions contained in legislation which failed of passage last year, but calls for post-war construction of navigation, hydro-electric power and irrigation works at a cost of approximately \$500,000,000.

Elimination of provisions supported by the Administration, but opposed by private electric power interests is certain to make the new bill a center of controversy for the 79th Congress.

Some of the proposals eliminated were:

The Missouri Valley program prepared by the Army engineers and the Reclamation Bureau calling for an initial expenditure of \$400,000,000. A similar item was included in the \$1,000,000,000 flood control bill passed at the last session.

The \$28,000,000 Clark Hill Reser-

voir near Atlanta, Ga.

The \$66,000,000 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

The \$400,000,000 St. Lawrence Seaway.

The \$25,000,000 Santee-Congaree program in North Carolina and South Carolina.

The \$38,500,000 Beaver-Mahoney Waterway in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Montreal-Detroit Now Leading In National League

WASHINGTON.—Montreal Canadiens and Detroit Red Wings appear to have the field clear to fight it out for top honors in the National Hockey League.

Montreal is on top of the heap with 17 wins, five losses and two ties, while Detroit is in the No. 2 spot with 15 wins, six losses, four ties. Toronto has the third notch with 13-8-2, and hopelessly trailing come Boston, New York and Chicago.

The best Detroit could do last week-end was a tie with New York thereby losing a chance to gain on Montreal, which took a 4-2 licking from Toronto.

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Johnsons Dominate In Keesler Victory

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—When Keesler Field's high-flying basketball quintet whipped Pensacola Navy recently, 56-44, all three Johnsons of the ten men on the court earned fame for the family name.

S/Sgt. Harold Johnson, former star for Indiana State and 6-foot 5-inch center for the AAF Training Command team, scored 11 points, and Cpl. Guy Johnson, Keesler courtman, who pitched for the Baltimore Orioles baseball club, got 10 points for the Fliers. Lt. Francis Johnson, Wichita University ace, who captained the 1936 Olympic basketball team, was heavily guarded, but managed to score five points for the Navy.

GI Bill Will Save Coaching Job for Biff

LINCOLN, Neb.—The GI Bill of Rights will get the colonel's old job back for him.

Colonel in question is Biff Jones, University of Nebraska football mentor and athletic director, now on wartime leave as head of West Point athletics.

The college newspaper said Biff was slated for the skids "because he undoubtedly stepped on the toes of a few individuals."

It is "obviously unfair," said the publication, "for a small group of vindictive individuals to attempt to railroad Jones from his post while he is in the service of his country."

The university board of regents and athletic board followed with the statement that the institution will "recognize all moral and contractual obligations to any personnel" of the university now serving in the armed forces.

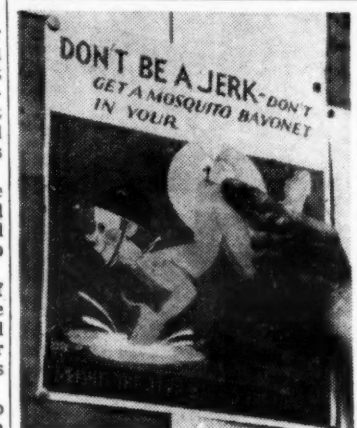
Sport Award to Pete Gray

SPOKANE.—A one-armed, major league outfielder has been awarded a \$1000 war bond because he "must be regarded as the symbol of returning wounded veterans who have lost a limb; his inspiration will speed many on their way to useful lives once again, despite handicaps."

The winner, Pete Gray, will be presented with the bond, an award of the Spokane athletic round table's sixth annual sportsmanship contest.

He was picked on a basis of nominations by sports writers of the nation. He played in the outfield for the Memphis Chicks last year and is signed to join the St. Louis Browns in the spring.

The round table's first award to gain national recognition was in 1939 when it went to Don Herring, University of Princeton footballer who lost a leg. Mort Cooper, who pitched and won a World Series game for St. Louis a few hours after the death of his father, was the winner last year.



—Signal Corps Photo

EDUCATION of the soldier is one of the most important phases of malaria-control work in Corsica. AAF bulletin boards carry many "pointed" posters in warning.

SPORTS CHAT

CAMP LEE, Va.—The Star of Stars at the recent Winter Carnival at Lake Placid, N. Y., was Lt. Bill Grimditch, Jr., of Quartermaster School, who holds the national novice and junior figure-skating titles. Lieutenant Grimditch gained the championships while a student at the U. of Pennsylvania, and this was his first exhibition since entering the service. Following his title victories, the young officer appeared in exhibitions at Sun Valley, Madison Square Garden, Chicago, St. Paul and Philadelphia.

BARKSDALE FIELD, La.—Larry Rogers, the MP whose murderous right hand, educated by Lt. Albert Gill, boxing mentor, has won him his last eight bouts, is a fast worker in every respect. Meeting a Shreveport girl two months ago, Rogers proposed within a fortnight, was accepted and the knot tied exactly 20 days after they were introduced.

WITH 45TH DIVISION, Belgium. S/Sgt. Robert Fletcher, of Northumberland, Pa., for years prominent in semipro baseball in Pennsylvania, took quite a ribbing from his buddies when he unpacked his Christmas gifts. His diamond friends had sent him pajamas of lurid loveliness, bath salts and a manicure set.

FORT BENNING, Ga.—When a Fort Benning Wac Detachment team trounced a basketball outfit of Columbia, Ga., civilian girls by an impolite-to-mention score, a 4th Infantry GI gave the puny gazelles the suggestion: "What you gals need is some Army chow."

McCLELLAN FIELD, Calif.—Promising newcomer to the boxing

team is S/Sgt. Vincent Gargano, recently returned from Panama, where he held the championship in 1940. In his two bouts here, Gargano split with a win and a loss, but Boxing Coach S/Sgt. Felix Karczewski is confident that with more training, the Sarge will turn out the outstanding welter in the area. Gargano will be on the next card, Jan. 23.

ABILENE FIELD, Tex.—Lt. K. J. Kalaban, single-engine fighter pilot with Section D, received a big picture-play in "Physical Culture" magazine in December. In his letter to the McFadden publication, Lieutenant Kalaban told how the use of barbells and dumbbells, hand-balancing, swimming, diving and other exercises—and sunshine and rest and careful diet—had upped his weight from 120 to 165 and increased his height one inch to his present 5 feet 7 1/4 inches, while his chest grew from 35 to 44 inches, with all other body measurements increasing in proportion. "Am stuck on physical culture for the remainder of my life," commented Kalaban.

AMARILLO FIELD, Tex.—This field will have entries in all eight weight divisions in the Amarillo Golden Gloves, staged at the USO Auditorium Jan. 23-25, which for the ninth consecutive year is being sponsored by the Amarillo News-Globe. Much interest will center on Jack Osteen, of this field, who has had nearly 80 amateur fights, has lost only nine. As a welter, he has never been defeated since entering the Army.

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550 B-29s Have Been Lost, Map Newspaper Estimates

WASHINGTON.—The Japanese domestic radio, quoting an article in the Tokyo newspaper Asahi, "estimated" that the United States had lost approximately 550 B-29 bombers during the last six months, along with "about 4000 crew members," but a breakdown of the figures showed that it was mostly guesswork.

The home broadcast, which was recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, quoted the newspaper as saying that during the period from June 16, when the raids on the Superforts started, until Dec. 1, "our forces have shot down approximately 158 enemy B-29s, including those unconfirmed, and it further estimated that about 146 others were damaged."

"This makes a total figure of 304 planes either shot down or damaged by our forces," the article was quoted as saying, and continued: "Moreover, it is estimated that about 240 enemy B-29s were seri-

ously damaged or set ablaze at their bases in the Marianas, at Chungtu and at Calcutta by our army and navy planes.

"If these figures are added to the number of planes which were forced down en route, the enemy losses in number of B-29s during the last six months reaches approximately 550 planes."

The newspaper article, as quoted by the radio, arrived at the figure "about 4000 crew members" lost by multiplying the figure 304, representing the total number of B-29s estimated to have been shot down or damaged by the Japanese, by 12, which it listed as the number of men comprising the crew of a B-29, and adding about 350 extra to cover the problematical loss occasioned by planes being "forced down en route because of motor troubles or fuel shortage."

UNITED STATES ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS, in Southwest China.—A General Staff school, modeled after the U. S. Army Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., is turning out Chinese officers well-grounded in the latest methods of staff work and the technique of modern warfare.

The idea was to overcome the discovery at the fronts that improved techniques were not well utilized because the higher commanders have continued to direct troops on the basis of old Chinese traditions.

The school thus grew out of the need for a place to teach new procedures and techniques to higher ranking officers, qualify them to serve on staffs of division and army commanders and to fulfill the functions of expert assistants to the leaders of larger formations.

Purpose of the school was out-

lined to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. He approved and ruled that graduates should have equal status with graduates of the Chinese War College, a three-year course.

Brigadier generals are listed among the students although the majority are majors and colonels. They are grasping the necessity of weaning away from the deeply root-

ed Chinese army system of the commanding general making all the decisions independently.

Students are selected on a basis of their ability to learn. They are taught by American graduates of the War College at Leavenworth. The course lasts 12 weeks.

Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, commander of the American 14th Air Force, is one of the visiting lecturers.

Yanks and Nazis Have Tug-of-War

ROME.—Believe it or not—but Americans and Germans pulled off a tug-of-war on the battle-scarred front south of Bologna. Here's how: A Yank patrol was returning to its own lines, trailing wire behind it. A Nazi patrol found it, started pulling. There was no report on who won.

Gets Advanced Grade for Recapturing PWs

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—For meritorious service performed in recapturing four German Prisoners of War, an MP., Maynard Wall, Corps of the Military Police, 1580th Service Unit, received an advance in grade from Private First Class to Corporal.

Army Quiz

1. Last week an American general said of his opponent: "He has sustained perhaps the greatest defeat in the military annals of the Japanese army." The opponent had said some weeks earlier, in suggesting surrender terms for the Americans: "All I want to hear from you is 'Yes,' or 'No.' Who were the two?"

2. Russian forces entered encircled Budapest last week in the Hungarian phase of their drive along the Danube into Germany. In what country does the Danube find its source—

- A. Hungary?
- B. Switzerland?
- C. Germany?

3. Reports of the European war situation are frequently given by "ABSIE." Do you know what it is?

4. B-29 bombers attacked manufacturing plants at Tokyo in force last week. How many major raids were made by B-29s on Tokyo up to January 6?

- A. 23?
- B. 12?
- C. 5?

5. Echternach, Monschau and Stavelot are towns which figured prominently in the recent German push into France and Belgium. One is in Belgium, one in Luxembourg, and the other in Germany. Can you tell which lies in each country?

6. The name "Old Crock," as applied familiarly by his men to an American brigadier-general, has been prominently in the war news, associated with American slang, recently. Do you know who it was applied to?

7. Time Magazine recently chose its outstanding "Man of the Year." Do you know whether it was—
A. President Franklin D. Roosevelt?
B. Premier Stalin?
C. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower?

8. Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes announced last week the total now in the United States armed forces. Would you say it was—
A. 13,000,762?
B. 11,900,000?
C. 8,643,000?

9. How many American divisions are now in action on the western front?
A. 63?
B. 40?
C. 31?

10. Air Force men in the redistribution stations at Atlantic City who have gone in strongly for badminton, are using the word "Roger" frequently in doubles games. Would you know why?

(See "Quiz Answers," page 19.)

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Red Cross Services Widely Used by Vets

WASHINGTON.—Red Cross chapters' services to veterans have increased more than 150 per cent throughout the country during the past year, American Red Cross national headquarters announced recently.

Reports received from chapters in 22 states show local demands for veterans' aid have jumped from 100 to 200 per cent over last year.

While fewer veterans in 1943 requested aid with claims than for any other Red Cross service, requests coming to chapters during 1944 shot claims service to third place as one of the most important chapter services, the Red Cross said.

Any veteran who did not file a claim for pension at the time of his discharge is entitled to Red Cross assistance in preparing his application after he returns home. All chapters have application forms on hand and can aid veterans in assembling the necessary evidence in

support of their claims.

As one of the organizations recognized by the Veterans Administration in the presentation of claims Red Cross accepts power of attorney and any veteran may, if he wishes, designate Red Cross to represent him when his claim is presented before the Veterans Administration board.

Red Cross points out, however, that chapter aid in the preparation of a claim does not in any way obligate the veteran to designate Red Cross to represent him before the board. The important thing is that the veteran have some recognized representation and, if he prefers another organization, it can be arranged by the veteran himself or with the assistance of the Red Cross chapter.

Recall Gen. Connolly from Persian Command

TEHERAN, Iran. — Maj. Gen. Donald H. Connolly, commanding the United States Army Persian Gulf Command, has been recalled to the U. S. No reason was given. He has been succeeded by Brig. Gen. Donald P. Booth, Connolly's former chief of staff.

Further Honors to 41st Division

HEADQUARTERS, 41ST DIVISION, Southwest Pacific.—With the recent award of yet another Presidential Unit Citation, this time accorded one of its crack battalions, the famed 41st Infantry Division becomes the first Army division in the Pacific to have two of its component parts so honored.

Nearly two years ago one of the 41st regiments received the Citation from the White House for its slashing success at Sanananda. The new decoration has been bestowed on a brother outfit for smashing the Japs at scarlet Salamaua.

During the campaign which won it the award, the battalion was commanded by Lt. Col. Archibald Roosevelt, last of the Fighting Sons of Fighting Teddy, and cousin of the President. Colonel Roosevelt is now recuperating at his Long Island home from the severe wounds he received last summer when the Jungleers of the 41st destroyed the Jap fortress at Biak.



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Brother Vaudeville Team Carries on as Shavetails

ASF TRAINING CENTER, Miss.

—In their civilian career as a nationally known vaudeville team the three Honey Brothers—Alfred, Tom and Phillip—executed many a fine feat. But their favorite trick is the one they've been doing since they joined the Army in 1942, as enlisted men they managed to stay together for a year and a half now, after a short separation, they are all together again, second lieutenants in the same unit.

"It's Phil's fault we became separated at Officer Candidate School," said Alfred, and Tom nodded sorrowful agreement. "There were Tom and I, studying away like busy beavers, while Phil lay loafing on the bed. 'Come on, Phil,' we'd urge. 'Get to work, Phil,' we'd prompt him. He'd merely wave a deprecating hand. As a result, we were so busy worrying about him that we fell behind in our map reading and supply lessons, and had to retake some classes after he was graduated."

"That's not the worst of it," moaned Tom. "He outranks us now. We went home from Aberdeen one week-end, Phil as an officer, we still as candidates, and he made us salute him, us, his brothers."

"Make them walk on my left, too," laughed Phil. "I'm getting revenge now for all the treatment I received as the youngest boy in the family." Phil is 21, Tom 28 and Alfred 30.

The two older brothers were both born in Australia, and their speech is still tinged with a Down Under accent, while Phil was born in New Zealand. "We came to the United States for the first time in 1926," said Alfred, "though, of course, our mother and dad had trouped here before. Married in Mexico as a matter of fact. Mother's family has

been in the profession for four generations, while dad owned a traveling vaudeville show in Australia. You know the old bromide about 'being raised off-stage in an actor's trunk.' Well, that applies to us.

"As children, we did an acrobatic act, touring Australia and New Zealand annually. After our sisters grew old enough, though (three of our four sisters trouped with us), the act was changed to a 'Dancing Presentation,' and that's how we toured the States."

"The children's societies haunted us religiously," Alfred said. "We developed a special act, just for them. We'd come to some city, the posters would go up, and inevitably, the investigator for some child welfare society would arrive. 'How old are your children?' he would ask my father. 'Ask him,' father would retort, pointing to me. (We had

to hide the others; they looked much too young.) 'Sixteen,' I'd say, generously adding a few years. 'You've got birth certificates as evidence, of course,' the investigator would remark. 'Unfortunately,' father would sigh, 'they've been left behind in Australia. But here's an address you can write to, if you want,' he'd add blithely. We were always gone before the papers arrived."

The societies did accomplish one thing, though, Alfred admitted, the Honey children had to go to school. They got their education at the famous Professional Children's School in New York, which adjusts its class room program to fit the theater schedules of the pupils. "Funniest thing you ever saw," Phil laughed. "There would always be some little five-year-old on the phone who couldn't add two and two, seriously discussing her contract with an agent."

"When the war came," Alfred said. "We started USO work almost immediately after Pearl Harbor, traveling the three circuits, Red, White and Blue. We had done about 95 shows—played at the Jackson Army Air Base once—when Phil received notice he was about to be drafted. Not wanting to be separated, we dashed home to Wyckoff, N. J., from Michigan, rushed through naturalization papers for Tom and myself, and enlisted en masse in December, 1942."

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The Mess Line

A joker who haunts Monticello
Is really a terrible fellow,
In the midst of caresses
He fills ladies' dresses
With candy, ice cream and jello.

The best way to get rid of a
sneak in the rear of your car is
to leave your wife at home.

Life is sweet—
But oh, how bitter
To love a girl,
And then not glitter

She was the kind of a girl
who wore those kind of dresses
that kept everyone warm but her.

Jack and Jill fell down the hill
A stunt that's mighty risky;
If water made them act like that,
By gosh, then I'll take whiskey.

Things are becoming so confused
in Washington that not even the
spies know what is going on.

A cute little flapper named Bunny
Got a pair of silk hose from her
honey,
Though the stockings were cheap
She loved him a heap
So she gave him a run for his
money.

Our gal friend Lucy says the war
must be about over—her boss just
talked back to her!

And what is so rare as a day in
June?

A drooling old poet once asked,
More rare and a helluva lot
better, you goon
Are the joys of a three-day pass.

Before marriage a man yearns
for a woman. Afterward the "y"
is silent.

Yes, my lad, many a skirt is
torn between love and duty.

The moral hereunto attached?
Don't count your chicken till it's
hatched;
For fate hides many startling tricks
In war and love and politics

Divorce means simply that
democracy has failed to work
between two people!

Nellie bought a brand new dress
T'was flimsy and quite thin,
She asked me how I liked it
And I answered with a grin:
"Wait till the sun shines Nellie."

A lot of guys don't mind lead-
ing a dog's life, if they can get
petted once in a while.

We may have Hitler on the ropes
But he's still far from hangin';
The way to blast his blasted hopes
Give blood, buy bonds, keep bangin'.

A gold-digger is a woman ...
after all.

A stork is one of the mystics
And inhabits a number of dis-
tricts
It doesn't yield plumes
Or sing any tunes,
But helps with the vital statistics

Lucy says it is idiotic to instruct
soldiers in the use of arms. She
never met one who needed any
instruction.

Did you hear about poor Miss
Lamson?
She was kissed five times in a
hansom;
When she insisted on more,
A weak voice from the floor
Cried, "The name is Simpson, not
Samson!"

Sitting in my GI bed
My GI hat upon my head,
My GI pants, my GI shoes
Everything free, nothing to lose,
GI razor, GI comb
GI wish that I were home

McCoy Survey Given Praise

CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—Commenda-
tions from Sixth Service Command
headquarters and from regional civil
service headquarters and Veterans'
administration have been received
by Maj. Stanley Kaufman, person-
nel division director, for the sur-
vey of physical requirements of
Camp McCoy jobs to help rehabili-
tate disabled veterans which was re-
cently completed under his direction.

Praise came from Col. John C.
Newton, deputy chief of staff, Sixth
Service Command headquarters;
from J. A. Connor, regional civil
service commission director, and
from C. E. Hostetler, chief, vocational
rehabilitation and education divi-
sion, Veterans' administration,
Hines, Ill.

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FORCES IN BELGIUM. — While
United States Army Medical Corps
men treated wounded GIs in a 200-
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and adjoining infantry and cavalry
post, the 372nd Engineer regiment
built a modern 3000-bed hospital
around them.

Construction, using salvaged

Dead Right!

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ing the right man in the right
job here.

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officer assigned to promote
ground safety on the field is
Cpl. William F. Daniels, of
Kansas City, Kans.

In civilian life he is a mortici-
an.

French and German materials, did
not halt any scheduled operations.

"Our hospitals in England were
all built according to design," said
Capt. Edgar H. Bachrach, New
York City, a surgeon. "When we
moved in here we operated under
field conditions while facilities were
being installed. Now we have
better operating rooms than in
those pre-designed hospitals."

The regiment, commanded by
Lt. Col. Floyd S. Arnold, San Fran-
cisco, started the work without
plans or specifications.

"The medics told us what they
wanted as we went along," said Lt.
George B. Dixon, San Antonio,
Tex. "By the time plans were
drawn, we had nearly finished the
job."

French plumbing and German
lumber and electrical equipment
were used in the construction.
German cement was used for

walks and roadways. A water-
borne sewage system, eliminating
the necessity of trips to outdoor
straddle-trenches, was hailed en-
thusiastically by both patients and
staff.

The regiment, which had exten-
sive flood control experience in the
States in 1942 and 1943, has the
mission of providing hospital fa-
cilities as close to the front as is
possible.

Swears It's Truth

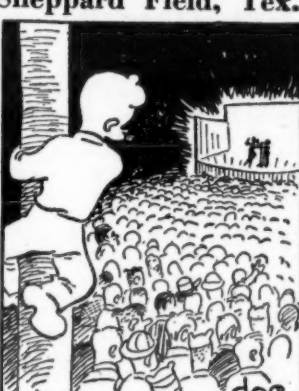
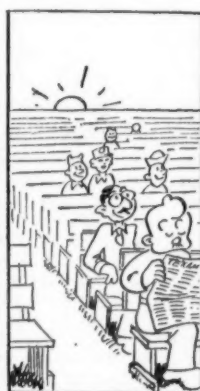
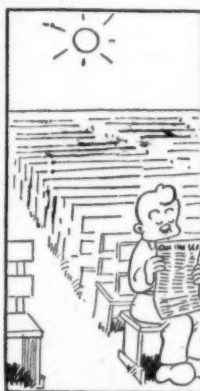
AMERICAN 8TH AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS. — Lt. Emory
Taylor, Mustang pilot, swears it's
the truth. He recounts that he
was knocked unconscious from his
plane at 6000 feet—his parachute
unopened. He came to 30 min-
utes later dangling in a tree.

"Don't ask me how or what
happened," he says. "It was just
the grace of God."

Giggy



Pvt. Goldie Brick



Cpl. Dean "Doc" Davis, Sheppard Field, Tex.



"It seems he went over the first sergeant's head to wish the
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Book Notes

Blood Upon the Snow

By Hilda Lawrence. (Simon & Schuster. \$2.00.)

Hilda Lawrence, who has never before written "so much as a school paper," combines all the best elements of good detective stories into as thrilling a whodunit as we have ever read.

Private Detective Mark East arrives in swirling snow at the home of wealthy Mr. Stoneman, mistakenly hired as a secretary. Immediately, he is up to his elbows in mystery and sinister characters. It is soon obvious that the old man knew what he was doing in hiring a secretary but getting a detective.

Mysterious, fatal fires, village spinsters, a beautiful woman hidden in her bedroom, a corpse inside a snowman are all props to the sinister story that unfolds in the gloomy, secluded mansion.

How the murders occur — and why — and how Mark East and Sheriff Wilcox unmask the perfectly disguised stinker cannot, of course, be told here. But only a master detective-story-reader will know all the answers before the last chapter.

Puzzle for Puppets

By Patrick Quentin. (Simon & Schuster, New York. \$2.00.)

Lt. Peter Duluth, ex-Broadway producer, arrives in San Francisco, estatic at the prospect of a week-end with a glamorous Hollywood star—his wife. Before they are fairly settled in their hard-to-get hotel room, they are embroiled in murder. Mrs. Duluth's equally glamorous cousin, a famous puppeteer, is found foully murdered under a bunch of red roses. Peter is implicated because the unknown murderer wore his uniform, stolen in a Turkish bath.

Despite the best efforts of Peter and his gorgeous wife, another murder is committed, but a third is nipped in the bud, and the criminals apprehended with the aid of all things—an elephant!

"Puzzle for Puppets" is fast moving, with an unexpected twist at the end that will baffle the amateur sleuth who tries to solve murder mysteries before the last chapter.

Blast of Shell Crushes an Apple in Yank's Pocket

WITH THE 3RD ARMORED DIVISION IN GERMANY.—When a shell landed 10 feet from Pvt. Arthur Tapert, Detroit, recently, medics rushed over to care for him.

Pounds of mud and debris were scraped from Tapert's body, but nowhere did they find so much as a scratch.

Considerably bucked up, Tapert reached in his hip pocket for an apple which he had been carrying for three days. His grasp brought forth applesauce.

QUIZ ANSWERS

(See "Army Quiz," page 16)

1. Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, who commanded the Jap forces at Leyte.
2. C.
3. American Broadcasting Station in Europe.
4. C.
5. Echternach in Luxembourg, Monschau in Germany, Stavelot in Belgium.
6. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, commanding the 101st Airborne division, who said, "Nuts," to the German demand for the surrender of American positions at Bastogne, Belgium.
7. C.
8. B. 8,100,000 are in the U. S. Army.
9. B.
10. "Roger" is a word used by Allied airmen, in replying to an order or message, to signify "Right," or "Got Your Message." Used in badminton it means, "Let me take the bird," or "I have it."



SHE REGISTERED in her first featured role, so Daun Kenney is slated for considerable work in comedies, musicals and extravaganzas planned by Universal.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

A stranger entered the mess hall of Company C, Transportation, at FORT WARREN, Wyo., one day late last year and for some reason known to himself kept on his winter jacket so that his insignia was hidden, as he sat down at one of the tables among the trainees. During the meal he was the subject of such questions as: "How about passing the coffee, dogface?" "Why the 'ell don't you pass down the sugar, bud?" and more like them. Toward the end of the meal the stranger rose and announced himself as the company's new commander, Lt. E. J. Evans. Were there some red faces?

Cpl. George Keisling, of the 4th Infantry at FORT BENNING, Ga., who has spent 30 years in the army without a day off, has another record. He has never missed a company formation, or a meal. Nor does he swear, smoke or drink.

It is said that you can always tell a Bostonian. But one of the buddies of Pvt. Elwood Drucker at CAMP ELLIS, Ill., noted the other day that, "After sleeping next to him for a number of weeks we finally discovered that he came from the Bean city. And we had thought all the time he was a Texan."

Pvt. Jacob Lishchiner, historical technician at the base office at KEESLER FIELD, Miss., is given to

puns. The other day, when he was preparing to move into Barrack 13 in a new area, just after the lunch hour, to be exact at 1300, he found some coins, two nickels and three pennies, lying in a pentagon-shaped pattern. "Quite a coin-cidence," he commented. And then proceeded to look see if any of the coins were minted in 1913.

Some civilians are much too optimistic about the war, says Mess Sgt. James W. Hallman, of Headquarters Company, Station Complement, at CAMP LEE, Va. He proves it by exhibiting one of his Christmas gifts—a bright blue tie with white dots. The sergeant says he's going to put the tie in moth balls and pray for a quick victory.

Coffee cups are not approved GI weapons, but they served the purpose for T/5 Lawrence Brown, of MTS at FORT LEWIS, Wash., the other night. Seeing a prisoner who had escaped from the post prison, lurking in the dark. Brown dashed into the mess hall, came out with two coffee mugs, somehow got the glint of the lights of a passing car on the cups, called "Halt, or I'll shoot," and the prisoner gave himself up.

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SNIPER-HUNTING is a most ticklish assignment for these men of the Engineers' Combat Detachment, serving as Infantry, as they advance down burned and ruined streets in the St. Die area in France.

Yanks Whittle German Bulge

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In the Strasbourg region has been stopped.

Nazis Retreat in Italy

In Italy Germans resisting Yank attacks on the extreme eastern front have retreated to the Reno river where they are digging in for a stand in an attempt to plug the territory to the north. The Canadians have cleaned out the last Nazi strong points around Lagoon Valli di Comacchio, north of Ravenna.

In Hungary, several German counter-attacks aimed at relieving the beleaguered garrison of Budapest have failed. Hand-to-hand fighting has been going on in the city proper for three weeks, with the Russian forces gaining block by block. They now control 2500 of the city's 4500 blocks and the fall of the Hungarian capital is expected at any time.

Yanks On Luzon

In the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur made a successful landing on Luzon, main island of the group, on Tuesday, after a three-day air bombardment. Now 6th Army troops hold 15 miles of beachheads on Lingayen Gulf. MacArthur surprised the Japs, who expected him to come in from the South, so that little resistance was

met. Some American forces now are within 107 miles of Manila. Another factor aiding in the landing was that virtually all the airfields of the island had been knocked out by earlier bombing.

Jap General Yamashita, whose forces were so badly smashed up on Leyte, is known to be on Luzon with from 100,000 to 150,000 troops. It is expected that battles will develop somewhere in the interior of the island as the American forces advance.

Another American landing, with a much smaller force, on Mindanao, which also met little resistance, gives American control of the Sibuyan Sea.

In China, the Japs are regrouping their forces in Fukien province on the Southern coast, evidently to strengthen their present positions in view of possible American landings there.

Further north along the coast the Chinese have captured three cities—Yamhsien and Liuchow in West Kwantung province, and Siapu in northeast Fukien province

—in vital areas.

Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, head of the 14th Air Force, in a dispatch from Kunming this week said that, despite the losses of airfields in Eastern China, his force is prepared to support a landing on the China coast by American troops. He went on to state that the overall destruction by all forces engaged in the fight against Japan exceeds the most authoritative estimate of Japanese airplane production and said that it is significant that the Japanese have not replaced their losses in China.

In Burma, British and Indian forces captured Akyab on the west coast, the last large Jap naval base in Western Burma. This will go far toward sealing the fate of Mandalay toward which other British forces have been working south along the Burma-Rangoon railway. They are now closing in on Shwebo, one of the last Jap strongholds on the route, and only 44 miles north of Mandalay. With Mandalay in Allied hands the fate of Burma is sealed.

Draft All 4-Effers

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solons will demand the answers before voting aye.

Affects All, 18-45

The May-Bailey measure, said to carry backing of the White House, War and Navy, Office of War Mobilization and Selective Service, covers all draft registrants between the ages of 18 and 45. Under it, those deferred registrants, whether 4-F or otherwise, who leave essential jobs without permission of their draft boards,

would be available for induction into regular or special service units, and would then receive only armed forces pay. This fact, proponents of the legislation feel, would eliminate all requirement of union labor as to closed shop requirements and payment of union dues.

Asks Military Training

In addition to his request to Congress for mobilizing all manpower, the President in his message asked:

Military training program for all youths;

Postwar employment program to provide 60,000,000 jobs;

Measures to provide financing for new small business enterprises and for productive business expansion;

Extensive development of natural resources and useful public works;

Revise tax system to "encourage private demand in peacetime";

Expand Social Security to support individual productivity and mass purchasing power.

The President, in reviewing the war situation, said there was no "question of ultimate Allied victory" and that 1945 would see the end of hostilities. However, "our losses will be heavy," he said.

Referring to a peace program, Roosevelt said, "1945 can and must see the substantial beginning of the organization of world peace."

No Command Shakeups in Eisenhower Plans

PARIS.—Neither Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, whose 1st Army caught the brunt of the German breakthrough, nor any other Allied commander will be fired from their commands as a result of the Nazi breakthrough.

The Allied command, admittedly, guessed wrong somewhere along the line. However, Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt is believed ready to shove off on a bigger and more costly gamble and the Allied Supreme Command was more inclined to watch for this than to try to place specific blame.

Gen. Eisenhower regards as a brilliant military success the stemming of the first German onrush and the subsequent crackdown on von Rundstedt's salient.

It was the long, thin, right flank of Hodges' that caught the full force of the Nazi juggernaut while his own right flank was battling toward the Roer river. Hodges was credited with having done a fine job in the difficult chore of switch-

ing from the offensive to the defensive.

General Eisenhower gave high praise to Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley for applying the brakes to von Rundstedt and regaining the offensive.

Monty moved his reserves so quickly that his realignment was shaping nicely within 12 hours after the German push assumed offensive proportions.

Bradley was given credit for making many swift but excellent decisions and sending Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3d Army to the counterattack.

War Budget

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ions, the Navy 22 billions and other agencies getting the rest.

The budget includes appropriation of \$2,622,687,000 for the veterans' program, more than double the amount provided for the current fiscal year. Of the more than two and a half billions, one billion will be for pension costs, one billion for payments by Veterans Administration to beneficiaries of veterans holding national service life insurance policies, \$295,000,000 to meet costs of education, readjustment allowances and loan guarantees to veterans, and \$85,000,000 for construction and reconditioning of hospital facilities.

"The number of veterans of the present war will increase," the President emphasized in his budget message, "until at full tide these veterans will constitute one-tenth of the population and almost one-fourth of the labor force."

"The responsibility which we are assuming for their jobs, education, medical care and financial assistance makes it increasingly essential that these programs for veterans be integrated with other programs of like nature affecting the whole nation."

The President's message points out that—

1. The United States now has overseas three times as many men as were in the Army and Navy combined at the time of Pearl Harbor.

2. The Merchant Marine has quadrupled its pre-war tonnage.

3. The United States has sent its allies \$36,000,000,000 in Lend-Lease and received about \$4,500,000,000 in Reverse Lend-Lease. Lend-Lease will be liquidated with the end of the war.

Monty Praises

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take advantage of their initial success.

"The first was in the Elsenborn salient south of Monschau, which had to bear fully the blow of almost a whole Panzer army and the Panzer army recoiled. They could not do it. With this great blow, hitting the center of the American Army, Rundstedt did overrun a considerable number of American formations and around St. Vith and south of it there were a great many American troops cut off and unable to get away. When I was brought into the party that was the situation. The American troops, isolated and cut off, were fighting and holding on to centers of road communications making it extremely difficult for the Germans to move any flow through the gaps they had made.

"I have spent my military career with the British soldier and I have come to love him with a great love. I have now formed a very great affection and admiration for the American soldier. I salute the brave fighting men of America—I never want to fight alongside better soldiers."

Silvester Loses His Silver Star

WASHINGTON.—While Army authorities have announced that Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., has relieved Maj. Gen. Lindsay McDonald Silvester of his command of the 3rd Army's 7th Armored Division in France and that he's now in Washington on sick leave, no official word has been given as to reasons for the demotion.

General Patton's action occurred Nov. 25, when Maj. Gen. Robert Hasbrouck was assigned to the command of the 7th Armored Division. Silvester then came here and reverted to his permanent rank of colonel. He is receiving medical treatment from time to time at Walter Reed Hospital.